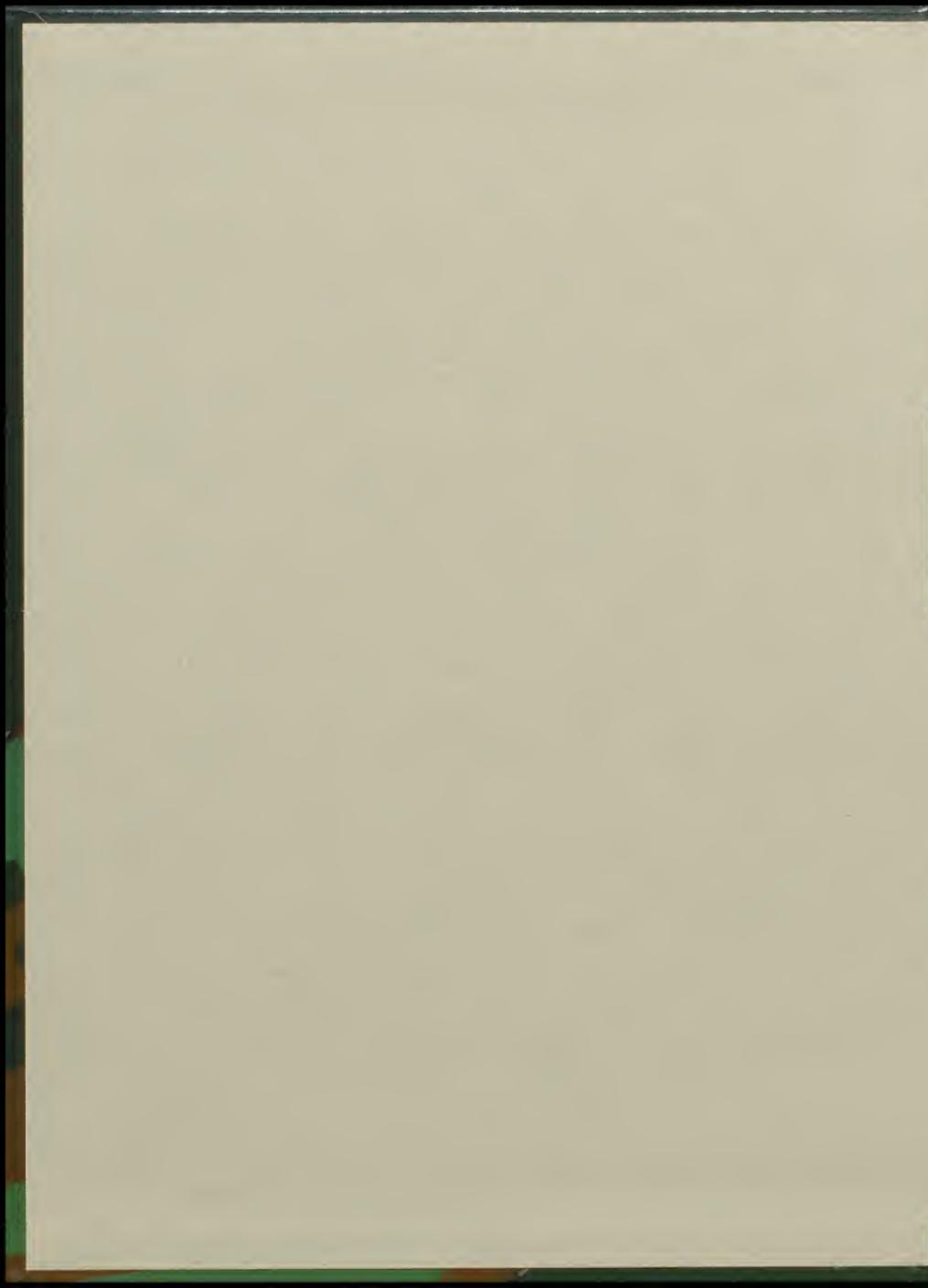
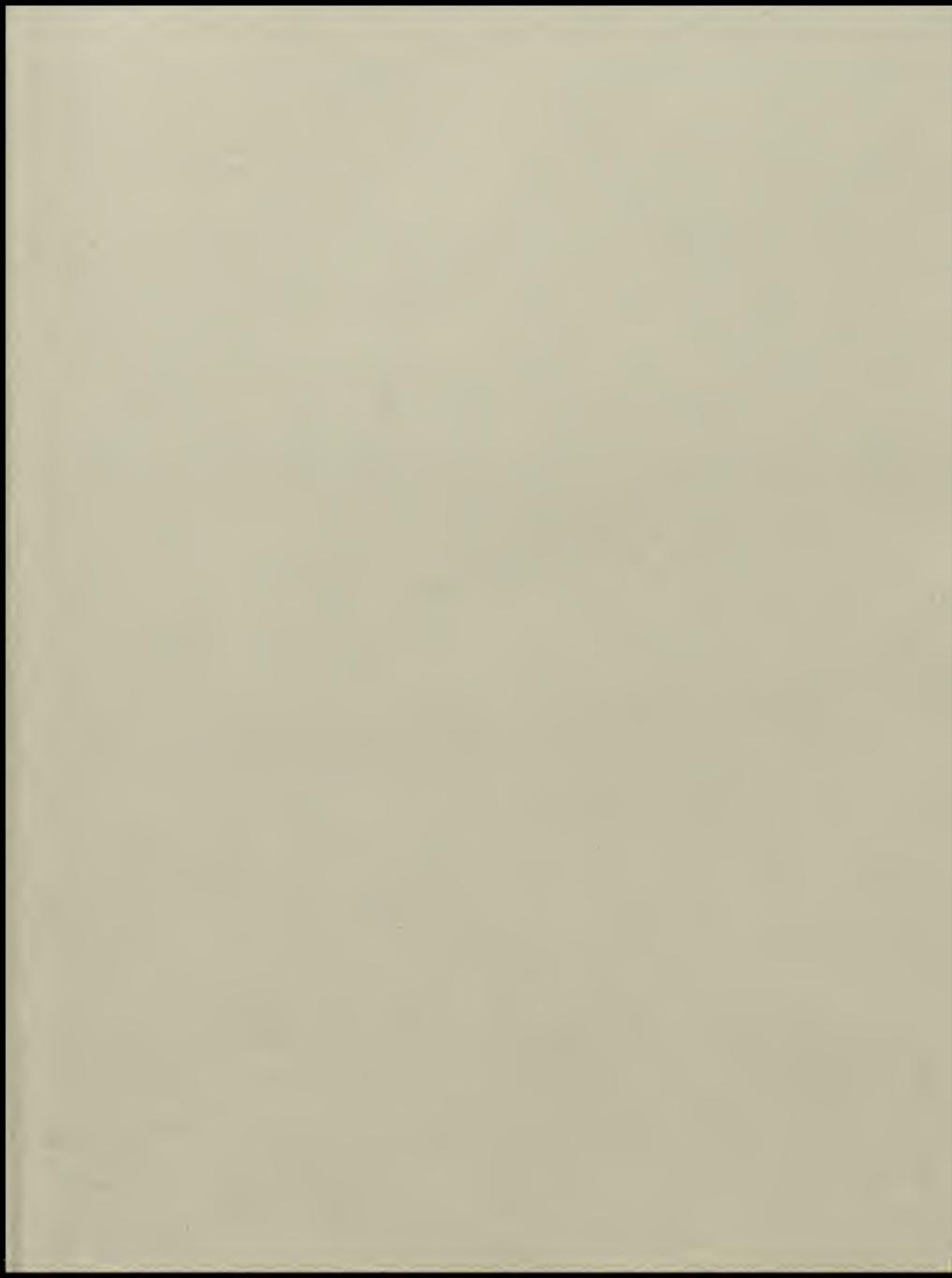


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YOU WAKE UP TO THE BLAST OF YOUR ALARM CLOCK AND NOTICE IT IS STILL DARK OUT. YOU COME FACE TO FACE WITH YOUR DRILL SERGEANT . . . ER, TEACHER. NEW POLICIES ARE ENFORCED ON YOU AND YOU DON'T WANT TO FACE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT. YOU WORK HARD ALL DAY AND IT DOESN'T STOP 'TILL YOU HIT THE SACK. THEN IT STARTS AGAIN. MUCH LIKE THE ROUTINE IN **BASIC TRAINING**, WE ARE TRAINING FOR SOMETHING, RIGHT? SOMETHING BIGGER MUST BE COMING.



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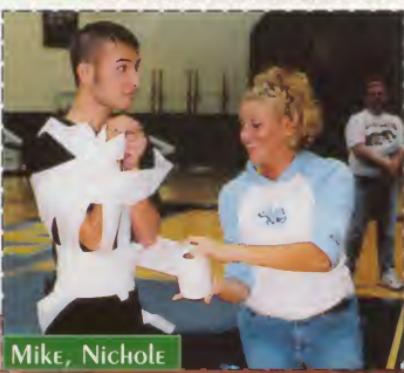
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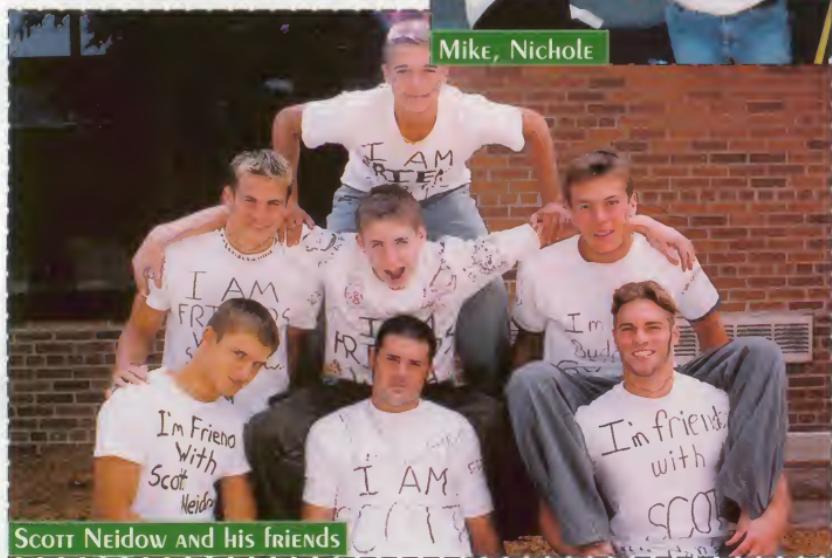
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SCOTT NEIDOW AND HIS FRIENDS

BACK IN TRAINING

Ashley



EVERYDAY SOMEONE ASKS: "WHEN WILL I EVER HAVE TO USE THIS?" Okay, maybe you won't have an emergency sentence diagramming situation in real life, but you will always have to make new friends. You may have to break up with a significant other. You will have to deal with more authorities. You will have assignments, deadlines, relationships, good times and bad. And after all this **BASIC TRAINING**, you'll know exactly what to do.

BASIC TRAINING.

The fun stuff in life – the dances, concerts, hangouts – all the little things we do in our attempts to relax and have fun, represents our recreation time during which we're still training whether we realize it or not.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR LIFE**.

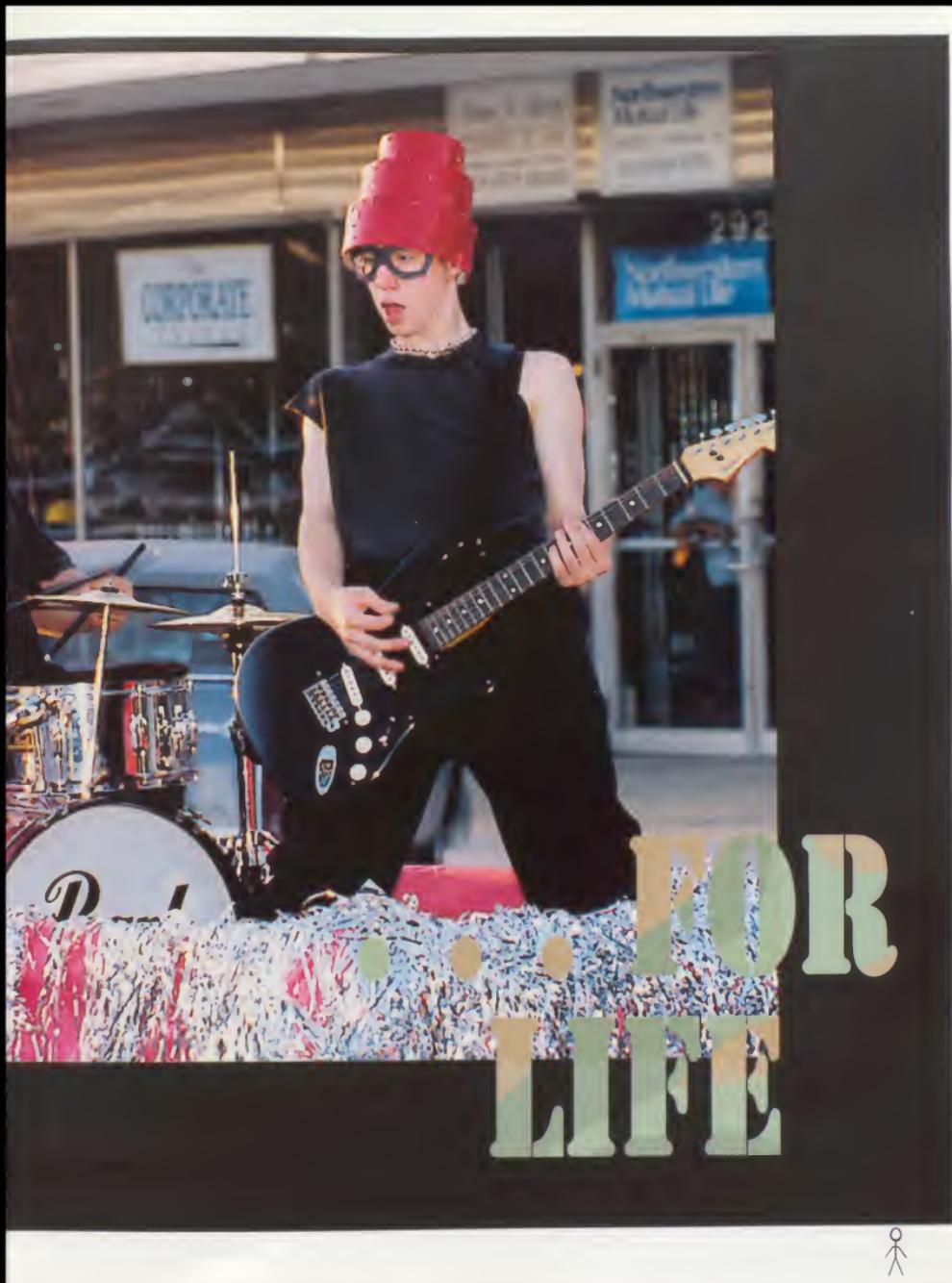
The often not so fun and sometimes downright brutal stuff – classes, loads of homework, tests – all meant to teach us proper grammar or the square root of pi. . . it's enough to make you want to tear your hair out if you have to write even one more line of iambic pentameter.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR KNOWLEDGE**.

The clubs we join and activities we participate in – Key Club, Natural Helper, plays – activities that take up what little free time is left but are so much fun that you just don't want them to end.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP**.





JUST ANOTHER SCHOOL YEAR

... and, yes, the first couple of months were the most chaotic around Highland High School because of all the Homecoming festivities that went on.

During the week many exciting events took place, including the Homecoming parade, in which the Sophomores won the Homecoming float competition.

As the evening went on, most gathered at the school for the Superstars competition. The Freshmen claimed victory over the Sophomores, and the Seniors prevailed over the Juniors.

Finally, the event everyone had been anticipating - the Friday night Homecoming game in which the Trojans defeated the Andrean 59ers in an exciting fashion, 21-19.

By

NICOLE MELJANAC
& ADAM ALLEN



BROTHERLY LOVE!

ADAM AND BEN WALDRON RUN TO GIVE THE SENIORS ANOTHER WIN IN THE SUPERSTARS COMPETITION. NOT ONLY DO THE CLOSE BROTHERS SHOW FRIENDSHIP, BUT ALSO MUCH BROTHERLY LOVE.



Lookin' Deep!

SENIOR QUARTERBACK KEVIN BOYD SURVEYS THE FIELD, LOOKING DOWNFIELD FOR AN OPEN RECEIVER IN THE HOMECOMING GAME AGAINST THE ANDREAN 59ERS.

Gettin' Ready To Fight

THE TROJANS' OFFENSE PREPARES TO TAKE ON THE ANDREAN DEFENSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THIS VERY ANTICIPATED GAME.



INSIDE TRACK

Do you think a rivalry with another school helps to promote higher levels of enthusiasm by teams for athletic events?



"Yes, I think rivalry is good because it makes the players want to play harder."

-Kelly Bunchek



"Yes, teams play much harder because of the rivalry."

-Amy Dvorak



"Yeah, it makes them try even harder to win the game."

-Alison Roumbus



STAYIN' ALIVE!

THOUGH THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2000 (INCLUDING, LEFT TO RIGHT, JEN SHELTON, JULIE KRUGER, SARAH HANAFI, VAL LAMOTT, MIKE GEORGELF, KRISTEN LABUDA, RICH GARCIA AND SANTOS SALINS) ARE ON THEIR WAY OUT INTO THE REAL WORLD, THEY STILL HAVE MANY MEMORIES THEY LEFT BEHIND AT HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL.



Taking it Slow

SOPHMORE MAUREEN MAVES AND RICH HOEKSTRA SLOW THINGS DOWN AT THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING DANCE.



Bringing Back the 80's

SENIOR TIM BARSIC SHOWS OFF HIS NEW LOOK. THIS YEAR'S HOMECOMING WAS MUCH MORE LAID BACK AND RELAXED WITH MOST OF THE STUDENT BODY DRESSED IN THEME.

INSIDE TRACK

If you could travel back to any decade in time, which one would it be and why?



"Definitely the 20's! It was the era of the flapper and women started playing a more important role in society."

-Megan
Zendian



"The 60's because I listen to music from that decade. It would be nice to actually live through it."

-Kyle Jasin



"The 70's. Everything that happened then seemed so fun and laid back. My friends and I would fit in better back then."

-Kelly
Buncek



10 FOR LIFE



BLAST FROM THE PAST

CUTTIN' A RUG

SENIOR JEN SHELTON AND SOPHOMORE JON CHRISTOPHERSEN TWIRL THE NIGHT AWAY AS THOUGH NOBODY IS WATCHING. MANY TOOK TIME TO DUST A MOVE ON THE DANCE FLOOR THIS YEAR WHICH MADE HOMECOMING EVEN MORE MEMORABLE.



MAKING THE GOOD TIMES LAST

HOMECOMING QUEEN RACHEL MURPHY AND KING BOBBY GREESON ENJOY A MOMENT OF PURE BLISS AS THEY ARE ANNOUNCED AT THE DANCE. EVERYONE SEEMED TO ENJOY THEMSELVES AT THIS YEAR'S DANCE.

was the 1999 Homecoming theme and was it ever!

This year's dance looked more like a costume party than a traditional Homecoming dance. Students came pouring into the dance "decked out" in everything from poodle skirts to Go-Go boots, complete with Austin Powers, Felicity Shagwell, and Dr. Evil.

"We love Homecoming because it's a time when you can be creative and use your imagination while at the same time, have fun with your friends," agreed seniors Katie Johnson and Nicole Breger.

This was the second year for professional pictures, so students went out of their way to look outrageous.

"I really don't like dances, but spending time with Tracee was everything to me," senior Lyndsy Stanfel said.

Couples danced the night away to such tunes as "Stayin' Alive" and "Kung Fu Fighting" to Vanilla Ice and The New Kids On The Block.

"Blast From the Past" was definitely a break from tradition.

BY JOANNE KWASNÝ &
STEPHANIE WALASZEK



WHAT A TIME IT WAS,

a truly "Unforgettable" night for those Highland High School students who attended this year's Turnabout dance.

For this special occasion, the girls ask that special guy for a date. For some girls it takes a lot of courage, but for others it's very easy.

The week of Turnabout is busy. Girls have a lot to worry about because of all the things they have to prepare, such as dinner reservations, flowers, and hair appointments.

The guys, on the other hand, can relax. Yeah, they have to get a suit still, and spend five minutes fixing their hair, but other than that it's the girls' turn to treat the guys to a fun-filled night.

**BY ADAM ALLEN
& ERIKA CORDOVA**



EVENING Royalty

SENIOR JENNIFER McFARLINE AND SENIOR MARTIN HAVENS CHEESE IT UP FOR THE CAMERA AFTER BEING CROWNED THE 1999 TURNABOUT QUEEN AND KING.



DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY
SENIOR MAGGIE AMANATIDIS AND FRESHMAN ADAM WHITE GET CLOSE DURING ONE OF THE NIGHT'S SLOW SONGS.

SWINGIN' BABY

GETTING INTO THE MOOD OFF THE NIGHT, SENIOR TONY REYES AND JUNIOR AMANDA CASH GET THEIR GROOVE ON.



INSIDE TRACK

WHAT MADE THIS TURNABOUT "UNFORGETTABLE" FOR YOU?



"It was very fun because it was my first Turnabout and I got to be with all of my friends."



"Getting to spend the evening with my boy-friend, Pete, really made the night unforgettable."



"I got to be with all of my friends. It was just an all around good night."

-Ginny
Pleasant

-Cora
Sknerski

-Sara
Trznadel



FRIENDLY COMPETITION

THE 1999 TURNABOUT COURT STAND TOGETHER AWAITING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE KING AND QUEEN. EVEN THOUGH THEY COULD NOT ALL WIN, THEY STILL HAD A GREAT TIME.

Spunkie Brewster

JUNIORS CHRISTIE TOMASZEWSKI AND KATIE CORTRIGHT busted out the blue and gold for Spirit Week.



Spirited Week Look-a-like

JUNIORS KRISTEN KENDZIERSKI AND AMBER JOSEPH PLANNED NOT ONLY TO DRESS IN BLUE AND GOLD, BUT TO DRESS AS TWINS. THEY CERTAINLY DISPLAYED THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT WHILE AT THE SAME TIME, CONFUSING THEIR IDENTITY TO JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY.

INSIDE TRACK

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE day of Spirit Week, AND WHY?



"I liked Blue and Gold Day the best because I get to show my school spirit!"

-Jay Turoci



"Pajama Day was my favorite, because you can come to school, feeling comfortable."

-William Pina



"Camera Day is the best, because you get to take pictures of your friends so you will always have memories."

-Karime Figueroa



WE'VE GOT SPIRIT. YES WE DO.

Miscellany

NO, SENIORS JOSE CORTEZ AND DAN BRUCE ARE NOT GETTING READY TO JOIN THE SERVICE. INSTEAD, THEY'RE DISPLAYING THEIR SCHOOL SPIRIT.



Natalie Nolin

PAJAMA DAY WAS A FAVORITE AMONG STUDENTS DURING HOMECOMING SPIRIT WEEK. IT WAS ONE OF THE FEW TIMES THAT YOU COULD JUST ROLL OUT OF BED AND GO TO SCHOOL WITHOUT GETTING TOO MUCH HASSLE.

we've got spirit, how about you?

Spirit Weeks are some of the most hectic times of the school year, but also the most enjoyable. Students dress according to the theme assigned to that particular day, adhering, of course, to the school dress code. Many students go out of their way to look different or amusing.

Spirit Week culminates on Friday with students adorning themselves with Blue and Gold colors to support all of the school's sports teams.

The competition for which Class shows the most participation is always important to students. Since everybody has so much fun, Spirit Week has been a tradition that has continued for many, many years. It is one of the highlights of the events leading up to the Homecoming game and dance and sectional games for basketball and baseball.

By
**CHRISTIE
TOMASZEWSKI**

I KNOW WHAT YOU Did LAST SUMMER ...

When summer hits, most students sleep the days away, but many others venture out to advance their education.

Numerous upperclassmen set off for educational summer camps sponsored by HHS. Camp topics range from learning about our nation's government to training to be a leader in today's society. Some students traveled abroad to such places as Europe.

"It was an experience of a lifetime! It only helped to further inspire me to pursue a career with the FBI," senior Eric Perez said.

Some workshops that juniors and seniors attended include: Hoosier Girls and Boys State, Indiana Teen Institute, National Youth Leadership Conferences, Indiana State Police Camp, French, German, and Spanish Study Abroad Programs, and many more. No matter what you're interested in, HHS has a summer program for you!

**BY STEPHANIE
WALASZEK**



Left, Right, Left...

STUDENTS ATTENDING THE INDIANA STATE POLICE CAMP LINE UP IN PT FORMATION AS THEY PREPARE FOR ORDERS FROM THEIR COMMANDING OFFICER. AT ISP CAMP, STUDENTS LEARN THE BASICS OF POLICING AND ARE TRAINED MILITARY-STYLE FOR A WEEK IN INDIANAPOLIS.



Smiles as big as the Sein

JEN CABLE, ERIC MANTEL, AND AMANDA CEDERHOLM ENJOY THEIR VISIT TO EUROPE. TRAVELING ABROAD IS A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE WHICH A FEW HONORED STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN.



Welcome to Spain!

This picturesque scene is just one of many that Spanish study abroad students were able to view. Nothing beats the educational value of actually traveling to the origin of the language.



INSIDE TRACK

How did your experience help prepare you for the future?



"I BECAME A BETTER LEADER FOR MY PEERS. NOW I CAN FEEL CONFIDENT IN KNOWING THEY CAN LOOK UP TO A FANTASTIC LEADER!"

-NICOLE BREGER



"I LEARNED SO MUCH. I FEEL MORE INFORMED IN THE WORLD OF POLITICS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE A JOB WITH THE GOVERNMENT."

-MIKE TOTHFALUSI



"I WAS ABLE TO INTERACT WITH MANY DIFFERENT PEOPLE. IT TAUGHT ME A HUGE LESSON IN RESPONSIBILITY."

-JEN MCFARLANE



MUCHO FUN...

AS SENIOR DANA MOSER, A 4TH-YEAR SPANISH STUDENT, TRAVELS THROUGHOUT SPAIN WITH HER NEW-FOUND FRIENDS. NOT ONLY DO THESE YOUNG ADULTS BROADEN THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF THE LANGUAGE, BUT THEY ALSO MAKE LASTING FRIENDSHIPS!

Bookworms

Sophomores Jason Reyes and Natalie Kobli expand their minds by reading at Borders. Borders is one of the most popular hangouts in the area. With books, music, coffee, and performances there is always something to do at Borders.



SUPERFANS

The members of the Norris Fan Club are hangin' with their new friend, Add A. Tude. They met him at a girls' basketball game at Willowbrook High School. They love to show their spirit at basketball games by dressing to a different theme every game.

INSIDE TRACK

WHERE ARE YOU MOST LIKELY TO BE SPOTTED
WHEN SCHOOL IS NOT IN SESSION?



"My friends and I go out to the Mall. After that we go to Bakers Square, then we watch Mallrats at someone's house."
-Danny George



"My friends and I just always seem to drive around aimlessly for hours."
-Andi Allen



"When I am not working, my friends and I usually hang out wherever we can find a place to go."
-Jen Daley

WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU ARE GOING?

GETTING JIGGY WITH IT
Ralph Kokot dances the night away at one of the many Overtime dances. There is a dance after every home football and basketball game.

As the weekend comes many students search for something, anything, to do. Even though many say that there is nothing to do in Highland, they always find somewhere to be.

On Fridays, you will find a lot of students attending football or basketball games. Then you will find them getting their groove on at the Overtime dance. And then, of course, food! You will see quite a few students at various restaurants, such as, 'Round The Clock and Bennigans.

When Saturday arrives, and after morning cartoons, many are headed to work. After work, the party starts. Showplace 16, Vortex, Southlake Mall, and The Windy City are all very popular weekend hotspots. Many enjoy the close proximity and low costs these places offer.

No matter how boring it gets here in Highland, there's always some action to be found. It's up to you to decide...where do you think you're going?!



JUST CHILLIN'

SOPHOMORES VICTORIA GATLIN AND ASHLEY CHAPPELL SPEND A WEEKEND RELAXING AT THE SPA. AFTER A LONG WEEK OF SCHOOL, IT'S NICE TO GET AWAY.

BY
KIM JENSEN

WELCOME TO THE X-GAMES

Whether it's grinding a rail, jumping a ramp, or flying across a field full of snow at 60 miles an hour, these students all have one thing in common...guts!

"My first time skating on a half pipe I fell right on my face. It was pretty funny!" junior Heidi Robinson said.

Average people would give up after smashing their face for the first time, or after the first time they broke a bone. Not these crazy kids though. If they don't succeed, they just get up and try again.

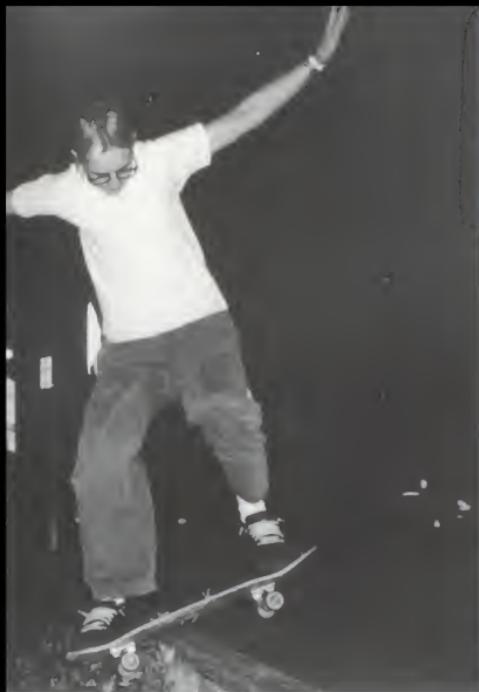
"I fall a lot, but I always get back up," senior Greg Nieckula said. "If I didn't, then what would be the point?"

BY
ADAM ALLEN



Go Speed Racer!

SOME PEOPLE COMPLAIN ABOUT THE SNOW, BUT NOT NEIL ORBAN. HE WOULD RATHER TEAR ACROSS IT.



THRASHING IT UP

Scared? Not a chance. Doing tricks on his skateboard is just a walk in the park for sophomore Dave Lubarski.

WE HAVE LIFT OFF

Junior Kevin Smith races over a hill, looking for the ultimate high.



INSIDE TRACK

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE EXTREME PASTIME?



"I love horseback riding, there is nothing I would rather be doing on Earth."



"Paintballing is such an extreme sport, it's the biggest adrenaline rush in the world."



"I just have one thing to say about skateboarding... WHOA!"

-David
Blahnik

- Rebecca
Wilson

- Paul
St. Aubyn



INTO THE SUNSET

Chris Orban shows us his favorite sport as he soars toward the horizon.

311 DREAMS!

JUNIOR KEVIN MANNO
ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT
MEETING HIS FAVORITE
BAND, 311, AND FINALLY
ONE DAY AT A CONCERT IN
OHIO, HE GOT TO HANG
OUT WITH NICK HEXUM
AND PEANUT.



Like Totally!

SAM MUNCIE, STEPHANIE WALASZEK, BARB DIOSI, ANDREA ALLEN, NICOLE BREGER, TERI JERKINS, DANA PETERSON, CORA SKENERSKI AND NATALIE LITERA SHOW THEIR CHEERY WAYS AT AN OVERTIME DANCE. ANYONE WHO IS IN CHEERLEADING OR ON THE DANCE TEAM IS OFTEN STEREOTYPED AS BEING A DITZY AIRHEAD BUT THAT IS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE.



INSIDE TRACK

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE CONCERT AND WHY?



"The B-96 Summer bash because my friends and I got to make fun of these girls in front of us that could not dance."

-Nicole Tampauskas



"When I went to Ohio to see 311, I got a chance to meet them before their show, it was very, very cool."

-Kevin Manno



"The B-96 Summer Bash, because all of the performers were awesome and we had so much fun going backstage."

-Jen Daley



So MANY KINDS

Punk Rock!

Jeff Guin, Jason Stanley, and Todd Miller let everyone know that punk style is the best way to go these days.



Smooth Ride!

On their way to the 1999 B-96 Halloween Bash are Heather Zuhl, Meagen Dewier, Laura Zemen and Laura Daley. They looked toward to their 5th row seats, and it sure looked like they were having fun well before the concert even started.

of music and culture circulating throughout the halls these days.

From Limp Bizkit to N'sync and from punks to preps, there are many different tastes and styles.

"I think it's pretty cool that everyone has their own style going on... it displays individuality," sophomore Leslie Sanders said.

Walking through the halls you'll see things from the craze of Abercrombie & Fitch and Aeropostale, to baggy pants and hooded sweatshirts. From guys and girls with their regular hair color to guys and girls with dyed or bleached hair.

So as the students walk from class to class day in and day out trying to be "hip with the Highland lingo," many find it cool to have their own style.

"I like the fact that everyone is not afraid to do their own thing because it shows that they are not scared of being themselves," junior Jennie Karpinec said.

By
NICOLE
MELJANAC

CONCERTS AND SUBCULTURE 23

RELIVING THE YEARS

but making new memories, legends, and traditions bring the Highland community together every year.

Battle of the Bridge, the football competition with Munster High School, is just one of the many sports traditions here at Highland.

"Some traditions can be really odd, but they're always fun," junior Christie Tomaszewski said.

Legends also have interesting stories and beliefs. Reder Road and the Finman's house are just a couple of the many legends told in the area.

Other legends and traditions here include Mrs. Berg's annual witch costume at Halloween, Spirit Week, the boys swim teams' wacky haircuts, and the festivals at Main Square.

But whether traditions and legends affect you or not, it's what school memories are all about.



EATING UP SENIORITY

Senior Becky Lenahan relaxes during lunch at the "Senior Bench" in the Commons.

By
AMY DVORAK



THE INFAMOUS BELL

The Victory Bell has many traditions at Highland, including its part in the Homecoming Parade with the Freshmen football team. It's also rung after every victory at home in football.

WHERE TALES ARE TOLD

Reder Road, located in Griffith, has been known for its many urban legends. Many students visit to seek a thrill and others out of curiosity.



INSIDE TRACK

How has Battle of the Bridge, or other traditions affected the team and community?



"We get pumped up the most at Battle of the Bridge, because we have a chance of beating Munster."

- Pat Allen



"I'll never forget Battle of the Bridge. It brought the team together and we played better than we ever have."

- John
Paulauski



"Battle of the Bridge is so much more intense than any other football game because we enjoy playing Munster."

- Bruce Bush



THE NEVER-ENDING BATTLE

"Battle of the Bridge," the fight over the bridge which separates Highland from Munster, is one of the most well-known traditions among students at Highland.

Has the bell rung?

Junior Ralph Kokot sits in the hall with nothing to do except wait for the bell that will free him from his boredom. He waits, and waits, and waits, . . .



Snoozing

FRESHMAN CHRIS MARTINEZ TAKES A NAP DURING LUNCH IN ORDER TO GET THROUGH HIS AFTERNOON CLASSES WITHOUT FALLING ASLEEP IN THEM.



INSIDE TRACK

How do you STAY BUSY IN ORDER TO AVOID BOREDOM?



"I go to sleep and don't wake up until something exciting or fun comes along the way."

-Hector Leos



"I've had no time to be bored this year, there is always something I can be doing. When I don't want to do any of that, I go get a slurpy from 7-11."

-Jennifer Cable



"How can I be bored! It's senior year, there is no boredom involved unless it has to do with school work."

-Amanda Cederholm

WHAT IS BOREDOM?

I WANT TO GO HOME!

FRESHMEN NATALIE CARASCO, MARITZA CORDOVA, AND MIKE ROQUE ARRIVE AT SCHOOL TIRED, WISHING TO GO HOME AND AVOID ANOTHER MONOTONOUS DAY OF SCHOOL.



NOT ANOTHER LECTURE!

AS THE TEACHER TRIES TO TEACH THE NEW LESSON, SENIOR MAGGIE AMANATIDIS DAZES OFF INTO SPACE, BORED AND UNINTERESTED, THINKING ABOUT HER PLANS FOR THE COMING WEEKEND.

Well, boredom is the condition of being restless, dull, or uninterested due to the lack of activities available to keep oneself busy.

For a lot of students at Highland High School, there is no such thing as boredom. Many of them take part in an abundant amount of activities during the week which affords them no time to be bored. On the weekends, most students go out with friends to distract themselves from the everyday routine of a school week in order to avoid the condition of being bored.

Some students, however, have an excessive amount of time on their hands, causing them to be bored throughout the day. Having too much time can make the day seem to drag on and on. In many other cases, students desire extra time to sit around and simply do nothing.

"Ever since I started high school, I am so busy. I don't have enough time to sit around and do nothing or be bored," freshman Maritza Cordova said.

BY

ERIKA CORDOVA

LOVE SHACK, BABY!

... and Highland High is just that!!

When you think of dating, what comes to mind? Do you imagine holding hands and snuggling during passing periods, or do you just think of couples spending time together on the weekends?

Either way, you've probably got a pretty good idea of "dating" at Highland High School.

Couples at Highland have been known to take dating very seriously. For example, if you were strolling down the halls of HHS you would most likely see a few "married" couples hand-in-hand. Some couples at Highland High have been together for more than two years.

Trust and compatibility are keys to a long-lasting relationship.

"I just can't stand to be without John, he's always there for me," said Jaclyn Adamoski, a HHS senior, of her boyfriend of more than two years, John Paulauski.

With all the worries and pressures of school, it's always nice to have someone in your corner.



Holdin' on

SENIOR JOHN PAULUSKI AND HIS GIRLFRIEND, SENIOR JACKLYN ADAMOSKI, DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT A FAMILY WEDDING.

BY

JOANNE KWASNÝ &
HEIDI ROBINSON



Showin' Spirit

JUNIORS MICHELLE HUIZENGA, KIM OROS, AND CRYSTAL CROOK SHOW SUPPORT BY WEARING THEIR BOYFRIENDS' FOOTBALL NUMBERS.

"Friends" can be the way to go

SENIORS GREG NIECKULA AND KATIE JOHNSON PROVE THAT SOMETIMES JUST BEING "friends" IS BETTER.



INSIDE TRACK

What makes a relationship work?



"I think that trust and faithfulness are what make a relationship work."

-Kelly Hendrickson



"I don't think relationships work at all."

-Jordan Smolar



"They have to really care about each other a lot and be compatible."

- Paul Butler



JUNIOR VS. SENIOR

SENIOR TONY REYES LIKES HAVING AN UNDERCLASSMAN GIRLFRIEND. WELL, JUNIOR GINA GERENDA LIKES HIM, TOO.

RATTA-TAP-TAP
DAVE Lubarski shows off his spray paint decor in his band practice room, as well as his favorite way to pass time.



N*Sync-oholic!

JUNIOR NICOLE Maljanac went hog wild when decorating her room in her favorite subject....boys! Or is it the pop group N-Sync?! Can you tell?



INSIDE TRACK

WHEN YOU NEED PERSONAL SPACE, WHERE DO YOU GO?



"I like my car the best. If I don't want to talk to anyone, I can lock them out and drive away."

-Paula Wories



"I like the bike trail the best, because it gives me a breath of fresh air and it allows me to think."

-Jenn Sink



"I like my basement, because people generally leave me alone while I'm down there."

-Greg Okamoto



YOUR VERY OWN SPACE

GET OUT OF MY bubble!

JUNIOR LAURA BOROWIEC MAKES it clear that she doesn't want anyone invading her personal space!



WANNA ride?

Jeff Gwin opens the door to offer a ride in his new '95 Ford Mustang. Gwin, naturally, spends a lot of time in his cool car.

is a very important part of any high-schooler's life. It lets them get away from the stresses of school, work and parents. It's also a good way of self-expression.

What exactly qualifies as personal space? Well, it's anything, from your room, to your car, and even to your school locker.

Though personal space isn't limited to just your room, locker or car, it can also include other things.

"My popason chair. Because, it's big and squishy and people tend to leave me alone when I'm in it," senior Sarah Luketich said.

Even public areas could be personal space. Places such as libraries, coffee shops, or even bookstores.

"I like to go to Borders because I can get a cup of coffee, read a book, and just relax," junior Adam Allen said.

BY
BECCA WILSON

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world events



▲ Russian President Boris Yeltsin shocked the world by resigning on New Year's Eve. He handed the reigns of power to Prime Minister Vladimir Putin. In one of his first acts as President, Putin gave Yeltsin bodyguards, a pension, and immunity from prosecution.



▲ Alaska Airline Flight 261 crashed 11 miles off Point Mugu, California on January 31. All 88 people on board were killed.



▲ School violence continued to be a major concern. Since February of 1997, school shooting sprees left 36 dead and 77 wounded.



▲ Elian Gonzalez, a six-year-old refugee from Cuba was rescued after the boat carrying him and his mother went down in the Atlantic Ocean. Elian's mother drowned on their journey and a huge controversy erupted over whether the boy should be allowed to stay in the United States with relatives, or returned to his father in Cuba.



▲ Six firefighters were killed in a December 3, Worcester, Massachusetts blaze started by squatters in a warehouse. More than 15,000 firefighters from all over the world gathered for a memorial service.



▲ Russia came under international scrutiny for waging a civil war to try to hold on to the break-away republic of Chechnya. After months of fierce fighting neither side gained much ground, and a republic seemed nowhere in sight.



▲ Raisa Gorbachev, former first lady of the Soviet Union, died after a battle with leukemia.

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▲ Ninety-year old Doris Haddock, also known as "Granny D," walked 3,000 miles across the U.S. to draw attention to campaign finance reform.



▲ Greek deputy foreign minister Yiannis Kranidiotis was killed after the plane he was traveling in suddenly lost altitude on its way to Romania. Kranidiotis and his son were both reported dead.



▲ Switzerland's Bertrand Piccard and Britain's Brian Jones travelled around the world in a balloon on a 20-day, 29,000 mile voyage. This was the first voyage of its kind to make it all the way around the world.



▲ The San Diego Zoo was home to Hua Mei, the first surviving giant panda to be born in a North American zoo.



▲ "America's son" John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife Carolyn Bessette and her sister Lauren Bessette were killed when the plane John was piloting crashed into the ocean off the coast of Massachusetts.



▲ The last solar eclipse of the century drew thousands of spectators around the world on August 11. A shadow cast by the moon turned day to night for those in a seventy mile wide path from England to India.



▲ Over 17,000 people were killed and thousands more injured when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake hit Izmit, Turkey on August 17.



▲ Suspected serial killer Rafael Resendez-Ramirez surrendered to authorities after more than three weeks on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list. He was wanted in connection with eight murders along railroad tracks in Illinois, Kentucky, and Texas.



▲ The rain from Hurricane Floyd caused the worst flooding in North Carolina in recent memory. Water from the Tar and Neuse rivers covered 66 counties, destroying over 4,000 homes and killing 51 people.



▲ All 217 passengers aboard EgyptAir flight 990 were killed October 31, after the plane dropped 17,000 feet in a matter of seconds. Initial reports indicated that a backup pilot may have intentionally plunged the plane into the Atlantic Ocean southeast of Nantucket Island.



▲ George W. Bush took the essential states he needed on "Super Tuesday" to win the Republican nomination for president, beating out John McCain. ▼



▲ Morocco's King Hassan, one of the Middle East's most devoted peacemakers, died after ruling for over 38 years.



▲ A heat wave in the Eastern U.S. claimed 95 lives and withered crops from Kansas to the Atlantic Ocean.



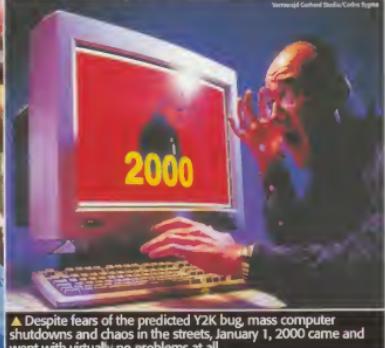
▲ Thousands were feared dead as a "supercyclone" tore through India in October. Another cyclone just two weeks earlier killed 100 people and injured 1,000 in Orissa.



▲ More than 2,100 people lost their lives when an earthquake measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale shook through the island of Taiwan.



▲ People around the world celebrated the turn of the century. These partiers ushered in the year 2000 in New York's Times Square.



▲ Despite fears of the predicted Y2K bug, mass computer shutdowns and chaos in the streets, January 1, 2000 came and went with virtually no problems at all.



▲ Stalled Middle East peacemaking efforts were put back on track when Yasser Arafat and Prime Minister Ehud Barak of Israel signed a land-for-security agreement.



▲ Despite strong showings in early polls from former senator Bill Bradley, Vice President Al Gore had the Democratic presidential nomination wrapped up by the end of "Super Tuesday" in March.



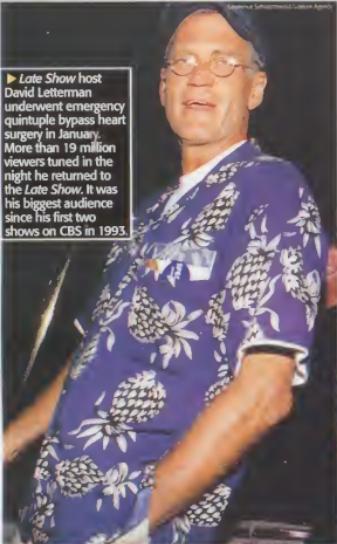
▲ A November World Trade Organization conference in Seattle was disrupted by violent protesters claiming the WTO promoted large, multinational corporations at the expense of workers' rights and environmental concerns.



▲ A string of deadly tornados crossed the southwest, killing 47 people and damaging or destroying over 2,600 homes and businesses. Worst hit was the Oklahoma City area where over 50 tornados touched down.



tv & movies



► Late Show host David Letterman underwent emergency quintuple bypass heart surgery in January. More than 19 million viewers tuned in the night he returned to the *Late Show*. It was his biggest audience since his first two shows on CBS in 1993.



▼ A story about a child who sees dead people all around him made over 26 million its first weekend. *The Sixth Sense* received six Oscar nominations, including Best Picture. *Sense's* Haley Joel Osment received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor.



▲ *Ally McBeal* won an Emmy for Outstanding Comedy Series. Original cast members Courtney Thorne-Smith and Gil Bellows announced that they would not return for the show's fourth season.



▲ *Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace* hit theaters in May with industry-shaking power. *Phantom* took in 28.5 million on its first day, and totaled the biggest five day opening ever at 105.7 million. It was the biggest film of 1999, bringing in \$430.7 million.



Scream 3 hit theaters with a bang, but fell short of *Scream* fans' expectations. The film's heroine was again Neve Campbell, with Courteney Cox-Arquette, David Arquette, Scott Foley, and Parker Posey costarring.



▲ Regis Philbin hosted ABC's surprisingly successful, big money trivia show *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*.

other news

Cider House Rules received seven Oscar nominations, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Adapted Screenplay.

Toy Story 2 delighted us with its computer animation, and won a Golden Globe for Best Motion Picture, Musical or Comedy.

The Green Mile, starring Tom Hanks and Michael Clarke Duncan, received four Oscar nominations, including Best Picture. The story about a magical death-row inmate and his pet mouse earned Duncan an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actor.

American Bandstand's eternally young Dick Clark turned 70 in November.

Fox's new comedy *Malcolm in the Middle* had the strongest debut since *The Simpsons*. More than 22 million viewers tuned in to the show about a middle-class family with four squabbling brothers and their parents.

Novelist Stephen King suffered extensive injuries after being hit by a van. King, who has written close to 50 books, was back to writing within weeks.

Julia Roberts continued as one of the hardest-working women in show business with two box office hits, *Notting Hill* and *Runaway Bride*.

The Matrix thrilled moviegoers with a high-tech mix of action and computer-generated effects.

Popular TV shows included *South Park*, *Dawson's Creek*, *Popular*, *ER*, *Friends*, *Frasier*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *NYPD Blue*, *Jesse*, and *MTV's Real World*.

Clayton Moore, TV's *Lone Ranger*, died at age 85.

Academy Award winner George C. Scott, most known for his roles in *Dr. Strangelove* and *Potter*, died at 72.

Actress Madeline Kahn died of ovarian cancer at 57.

Desmond Llewelyn, Q in the *James Bond* movies, died in a car crash.

Jim Varney, best known for his *Ernest* commercials and movies, died of lung cancer.



▲ HBO's gritty organized crime drama, *The Sopranos*, was a huge hit with fans and critics. Edie Falco and James Gandolfini won Golden Globes for their roles as Carmela and Tony Soprano.

► *The Blair Witch Project* put viewers under an eerie spell with its storyline of three college kids who hike into the woods to shoot a documentary about a witch who has killed children in the area for more than two centuries. The movie is footage discovered a year after the college kids vanished. Shot for about \$30,000, *Blair Witch* became one of the most successful films ever, based on production cost to revenue ratio.



Amy Madigan/Entertainment Weekly/AGF



▲ Peanuts creator, Charles Schulz, died in his sleep the night before his final comic strip ran in newspapers. He was 77.



▲ Michael J. Fox won a Golden Globe for his role in *Spin City*, and announced that he would leave the ABC sitcom to spend time with his family and work to find a cure for Parkinson's disease.



▲ *American Beauty* received eight Academy Award nominations, including Best Picture, Best Original Screenplay, and Best Director. In addition, stars Kevin Spacey and Annette Bening received Oscar nominations for their performances. The film also won Golden Globes for Best Motion Picture, Drama, Best Director and Best Screenplay.

music



▲ Tim McGraw won Male Vocalist of the Year and Album of the Year at the Country Music Association Awards. His album *A Place in the Sun*, went platinum in just five weeks. Since his 1993 debut, he's sold 13 million albums and had 13 number one singles.



▲ Faith Hill's *This Kiss*, her first single to go platinum, won Song of the Year at the CMA Awards. Since her debut six years ago, she has sold more than 11 million records, and has had eight number one singles. She performed at the Super Bowl and became Cover Girl Cosmetic's newest face.



▲ The Dixie Chicks won two Grammys, including Best Country Grammys, including Best Country Album for *Fly*. They also won the Country Music Award for Vocal Group of the Year, and CMA's Music Video of the Year and Single of the Year for *Wide Open Spaces*. Their song *Cowboy Take Me Away* went to number one. The Chicks celebrated their success by getting chicken feet tattoos on their feet every time a record hit number one or went gold or platinum.



▲ JoDee Messina won the CMA's Horizon Award for career progress.



▲ Garth Brooks, the top-selling solo artist in the U.S. with over 95 million albums sold, received Favorite Male Artist at the American Music Awards.



▲ Shania Twain was CMA's Entertainer of the Year. She also won AMA's Favorite Female Artist in both the Country and Pop/Rock categories. She won Grammys for Female Country Vocal Performance for *Man, I Feel Like a Woman*, and Country Song, *Come On Over*.



▲ Clint Black's duet with his wife, Lisa Hartman Black, *When I Said I Do*, reached the top of the country radio chart.



▲ Three sisters from Utah pushed musical boundaries and the result was *The Whole Shebang*, their debut CD. SheDaisy brought a fresh sound to country music with their popular songs *Little Good-byes* and *This Woman Needs*.

music



▲ Winning the Grammy for New Artist, Christina Aguilera rose to stardom with her self-titled album. The CD went to number one with more than 250,000 copies sold in its first week of release.



▲ Latin music enjoyed a surge in popularity with entertainers like Ricky Martin, Marc Anthony, Enrique Iglesias, and Lou Bega gaining huge English-language audiences. Martin won an American Music Award for Favorite Artist.



▲ Jennifer Lopez made the move from movies to music with her number one single *If You Had My Love*. Sean "Puffy" Combs had a rocky year with indictments for bribery and gun possession charges stemming from a shooting at a New York City night club.



▲ Woodstock '99, the 30th anniversary of the Woodstock Peace Festival, turned out to be anything but peaceful when hundreds of concert goers looted vendors and burned anything they could get their hands on during the last night of the show.



▲ Carlos Santana won eight Grammys for the album *SuperNatural* and the song *Smooth*, featuring Rob Thomas. The album and the song topped the charts. The 52-year-old Santana, who performed at the original 1969 Woodstock, tied Michael Jackson's record for the most Grammys won by a single performer.



▲ Cher's dance hit *Believe* went to number one in 23 countries and earned Cher her first Grammy.



▲ TLC received two Grammys, including one for Best R&B Album, *Fanmail*. Their singles *No Scrubs* and *Unpretty* did well on the charts. They also earned an AMA Award for Favorite Band, Duo, or Group in the Soul/Rhythm & Blues category.



▲ Sting won two Grammys for his album *Brand New Day*, Best Pop Album and Best Male Pop Performance.



▲ The Backstreet Boys gained momentum with a sold-out tour and the success of *Millennium*, which sold over a million copies its first week of release, setting a single-week sales record. Their song *I Want It That Way* was high on charts and quickly dominated air waves across the country. Two of the Boys got engaged, causing heartache for many girls.



▲ Britney Spears won an American Music Award for Favorite New Artist. The 18-year-old walked away with four Billboard Music Awards including New Artist of the Year and Female Artist of the Year.



▲ With his fifth album *Devil Without a Cause* going double platinum, and his performance at Woodstock '99, Kid Rock enjoyed the greatest success of his ten-year career.



▲ 'N Sync's *Music Of My Heart*, recorded with Gloria Estefan, was an instant hit. *Bye, Bye, Bye*, the first single off *No Strings Attached*, also did well on the charts.

other news

Martina McBride won three Female Vocalist awards. She also celebrated the double platinum certification of her album *Coalition*. Her success continues with the single "I Love You Honey," the movie *Country Music*.

Phil Collins' *Unfinished Tales* (Tarzan soundtrack) was nominated. He also won an A.M.A. Award for Favorite Artist, Adult Contemporary category.

Limp Bizkit's album *How You Want It* Other, and *Smash* (a million copies) also made the chart.

Whitney Houston earned a Grammy for Female Pop Vocal Performance for *It's Not Right But It's OK*.

Lauryn Hill won *Grammy* Music Award for Best Female Artist and Best New Artist.

Brooks & Dunn, *Way Out of the Year* at the CMA Awards, the pair have won the award three times since 1992.

Eminem won a *Grammy* for Rap Solo Performance for *Amaranth* and one for Rap Album for *The Marshall Mathers LP*.

Lonestar's *Analyst* topped *Billboard* country charts.

Marc Anthony became a Latin *Grammy* winner for his series of comeback albums. His first English-language album, *Latinum*.

Sugar Ray's *Up the Down Staircase* and *Something Special* were popular.

Mandy Moore had success with her new album, *Daydream*.

The Replacements' *Life Happens* won an A.M.A. Award for Best Rock Music Favorite and *Don't Think Twice* won a C.M.A. Award for Hot Song.

LFO's *Get It On* was the hot song of the year.

Will Smith's *Wild Thing* compared with *That's Cool*.

Lenny Kravitz won *Grammy* for Male Performance for *It Ain't Over Until It's Over*.

Chris Isaak's *Wicked Game* (from *Felicity*) won *Grammy* for Best Rock Performance by a Duo or Group. *Sheryl Crow's* *Soak Up the Sun* (from *My Mine*)

trends & technology



▲ Apple's iBook gave consumers more memory, a 6-gigabyte hard disk, and had a very distinctive design. This durable notebook computer sold 250,000 units within the first few months of availability.



▲ NASA received a disappointing setback to the Mars program when it lost contact with the Mars Climate Orbiter. This was followed by yet another lost mission when the Mars Polar Lander disappeared only three months later.



▲ Ford introduced its new hybrid electric car prototype, the Prodigy. This fuel efficient family car achieves more than 70 miles per gallon, making it very appealing to the cost conscious, environmentally aware consumer.



▲ Nokia's line of colorful cell phones made it possible to communicate in full color.



▲ Windows 2000, Microsoft's newest operating system, was released just as the Department of Justice anti-trust case against Microsoft was concluded.



▲ The craze of the year for millions of kids, Pokémon, was an import from Japan. The anime video and card game soon spread to everything from bedsheet to t-shirts, to a full length animated movie.



▲ Faux animal print accessories like tiger, leopard, and zebra were all the craze among the wild at heart.



▲ Looking "cool" while keeping warm, vests were a big hit this year, including the chic quilted variety and colorful fleece models.



▲ Embroidered jeans were popular, as well as flare jeans and jeans with ribbons sewn on the hem.



▲ Made of semiprecious stones that hold special meanings, power bead bracelets gave us the energy to make it through the day. There were as many different stones as there were moods.



▲ Beaded necklaces of all colors were very popular as well.



▲ You may have thought raiding your grandpa's closet would never get you anything cool. Well, all of that changed when everyone went for the "bucket hat".

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▲ After overcoming a near-fatal battle with cancer, American cyclist Lance Armstrong became the second American to win the Tour de France.



▼ U.S. Open golf champion Payne Stewart died in a plane crash that investigators believe was the result of sudden cabin depressurization.



▲ With a World Series sweep of the Atlanta Braves, the New York Yankees had their 3rd series win in 4 years and a record 25 total.



▲ Winning the Women's World Cup in an overtime shoot-out, Brandi Chastain's final shot clinched a hard-fought victory for the U.S. soccer team in front of more than 90,000 fans.



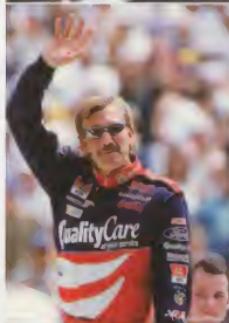
▲ Margaret McGregor made it into sports history by defeating Loi Chow in the first male-female boxing match.



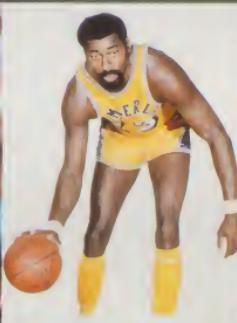
▲ New Zealand won its second consecutive America's Cup, returning the 149-year-old trophy to the Royal New Zealand Yacht Squadron.



▲ In what some have called the "best Super Bowl ever," the St. Louis Rams survived a last second onslaught by the Tennessee Titans to win the 24th NFL championship 23-16. Kurt Warner was named Super Bowl MVP, breaking Joe Montana's record of 357 yards, with his 414 yards. This season Warner passed for 4,353 yards and 41 touch-downs, to be only the second NFL quarterback to throw for more than 40 in a season.



▲ With only four wins in NASCAR's 1999 Winston Cup Series, Dale Jarrett came out on top with the championship by placing in the top five twenty-four times.



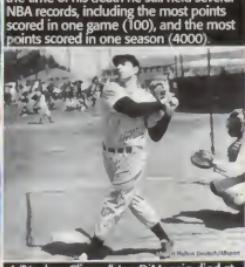
▲ One of basketball's greatest players, Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain died at age 63. At the time of his death he still held several NBA records, including the most points scored in one game (100), and the most points scored in one season (4000).



▲ Tiger Woods ended '99 at the top of his game, ranked number one in the golfing world.



▲ Serena Williams became the only African-American woman to win a Grand Slam tennis championship in over 40 years with her win in the US Open women's singles match.



▲ "Yankee Clipper" Joe DiMaggio died at age 84. DiMaggio made it in the record books for his 56 game hitting streak in 1941, cementing his spot in baseball history for all time.



▲ Allen Iverson showed his stuff this year. Iverson, whose height is six feet even, was the shortest NBA scoring champion ever. He also finished third in the League and was named to the All-NBA first team.



▲ After winning his second Super Bowl in a row, Denver Bronco's quarterback John Elway announced his retirement from football.



▲ Atlanta Braves pitcher, John Rocker, was suspended by Major League Baseball after making controversial remarks to a Sports Illustrated writer during the off-season.



▲ Wayne Gretzky retired after 20 seasons with the Edmonton Oilers, Los Angeles Kings, and New York Rangers. Gretzky helped win four Stanley Cup championships and three Canada Cup tournament titles. He was also inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Canada.



▲ After 17 years, Miami Dolphins quarterback Dan Marino retired. The 38-year-old Marino threw for a record 61,361 yards and 420 touchdowns, but never won a Super Bowl Championship.



▲ Maurice Greene continued to wow us, breaking the 100-meter world record in Athens. He added the world indoor 60-meter title, and the 200-meter title to his collection to become the first man to achieve the sprint double in the World Championships. Then he grabbed a 4x100-meter relay gold medal, too.



▲ Andre Agassi had an awesome year, winning the U.S. Open and the French Open, and taking over the number one ranking from Pete Sampras for the first time since 1996. Agassi and Steffi Graf plan to marry in June.

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YEAR IN REVIEW 33





VARSITY RULES!

THE VARSITY CHOIR HAS LEARNED THAT THEY NEED TO BE THERE TO BACK EACH OTHER UP.



SENIOR life

Shown are (top left to bottom right) Jason Schwab, Dan Bruce, Kristen Kolodziej, Jen McFarlane, Shannon Strader, Tiffany Wenrich, Sara Trzadzel, Andy Satanek, Amanda Strader, Kristen LaBuda, Nicole Pitlik, Lindsey Urbaneck, Lynn Hedges, Kerry Hall, Michelle McNurlan, Jackie Negovetic and Isaac Nelson.





SINGING BLUES

(Right to left)
MOLLI DONNER, KIM
DRAKE, Tiffini Clay-
burn and STEPHANIE
PETERSON SING THE
BLUES.

Music For Life

is what most of the members of the three Highland High School choirs would say about the year of choir.

Many choir personnel take their activity very seriously, and they appreciate the music.

"Music is my life, I've been singing since I was little and I would like to sing for the rest of my life," senior Pauline Motovino said.

While varsity choir is getting ready for their trip to Florida, the other two choirs are preparing for ISSMA (Indiana State Singing Music Association). If choir students do not participate in ISSMA, they have to write a report in place of their grade.

"ISSMA has always been fun as long as you can just go and not stress about how well you do," senior Lynn Hedges said.

Choir can be fun but also hard because of all the new music and notes which must be learned.

"I like being in Advanced girls because all of my friends are in there to share the experiences," junior Nicole Tampauskas said.

By Nicole
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The Inside Track

WHAT WAS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE PART OF CHOIR?



"When Mr. Markley went crazy my junior year and nobody knew what to do so everyone just sat there and I stood up on my chair and started dancing."

-Michelle McNurlan



"In advanced girls, my sophomore year when we were singing and I fell out of my seat and bruised my tailbone."

-Christic Tomaszewski

Lookin' on
As JESSICA Klapak and MEAGEN Schelinski look to MR. MARKLEY TO GET THEIR NOTES, THEY JOIN THE REST OF THE CHOIR IN SINGING THE SONG.

The Trojans go marching

in, but with this band, Trojan Pride was a little rough, but it all ended up great. There were minor setbacks with the Color Guard losing their director and not having the show completed. But the band pulled together and made the season a great success. They are all proud of themselves and their accomplishments. They participated in many competitions and they practiced hard to make everything perfect. This resulted in a special bond they shared.

Orchestra has also had a few changes this year. The addition of a new director, Mr. Kevin McNamara, brought a whole new aspect of music and all of its qualities to the group. They have had many performances as did the band, such as the fall, winter, and spring programs, and ISSMA, the annual state competition.

Both band and orchestra had a great year and can be proud to bear the name "Trojans".

By Kara Thompson

The Inside Track

How has being in band or orchestra influenced you?



"Being in Color Guard is the greatest experience of my life," junior Staci Stanko said. "I love all of the guard members, and they all have my respect."

"Orchestra has been really fun," junior Kelly Buncheck said. "It keeps me dedicated and gives me a positive attitude."

BASS LINERS
FRESHMAN GREG
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TRATES HARD ON HIS
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WATCHES HIM CLOSELY.



Pump 'em up

Leave it to the high school Band to pump up our Trojans in one of the exciting Friday night basketball games.





And the band plays on

HIGHAND TROJAN PRIDE performs at halftime at a varsity football game. It takes a lot of stamina to play and march in formation at the same time.



THE BEAT IS ON
The orchestra practices hard to play in perfect harmony.



OPEN SHOP

Josh Hampstra, Keith Smith, and Scott Brown work hard in their shop class. The class is teaching new skills that students can use in jobs after high school.

HAVING FUN

Jorge Campos and Steve Kroslack enjoy another day in shop class. The class provides lots of skills, but there is also time to have fun.



Off-SET

MR. PEARSON IS showing Andy Daville how to properly work the off-set printing press in their COMMUNICATION/graphic class.

Open Up Shop

Shop classes don't really get that much recognition, but they should, because they teach life skills which can be applied to the real world.

All of the shop classes teach students about real work and not just book work.

"It's a lot of fun and I get hands on, real life work," Chris Orban said.

There are a lot of things students can learn from all these helpful classes, including how to use machines that will help you find a real job.

"These classes have taught me more things I need to know than all of my other high school courses, and I really get along with all of the teachers. I can use this knowledge in the future," senior Ron Dixon said.

These classes teach students what they need to know if considering a career in some line of Transportation, Communication, Manufacturing, or Drafting.

Jaclyn Adamoski & John Paulauski

The Inside Track

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT
Shop?



"I've learned a lot about the many roles that Drafting can play in real-life. I am more interested in pursuing a career in drafting now."

-Brandon Siska

"I enjoyed it in the past, but this is by far the greatest year I've ever had. I love this class. T-Baby rules!"

-Bob Greeson



HARD WORK

Nick Havlin, Matt Hillier, and Nick Newland work on their projects in shop class. The projects take some time to make and always turn out well - sometimes so well that they are sold for profit.

Same Ole' Stories

is not the way to describe The Link this year.

With a new adviser, brand new staff (with minimal experience), a new look and eight more pages, the staff always had plenty of work to do.

"It's been really difficult filling up 12 pages of news every three weeks," junior Kara Thompson said, "but it has been a great experience."

The idea of getting a credit for a class where you don't have to take tests and can avoid long lectures may sound great, but it gets more complicated than that. It's nearly impossible to get stories done on time, typed up, and approved by the administration to meet the deadlines.

"Newspaper is more like a job than a class," senior Editor Sarah Luketich said, "but when the paper comes out and we see all our hard work, it's worth it."

By Amy Dvorak

The Inside Track

How has newspaper affected
you?



"I really look forward to getting the newspaper while I'm in Physics. It gives me a break and keeps me updated on everything that's happening around our school."

- Julee Lottino, junior

"Being on staff was a difficult job but we got through it. Having friends in the class helped."

- Jason Alkire, junior

GETTING IDEAS
SENIORS ANDY DENST
AND SARAH LUKETICH,
LINK EDITOR, LOOK AT
ANOTHER NEWSPAPER
TO COMPARE AND GET
IDEAS.



MAKING THE MOST OF 7TH HOUR
Senior Coleman O'Toole takes a break from writing to show his enthusiasm for newspaper.





THE GANG'S ALL HERE

THE STAFF IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER (MINUS SANTOS SALINAS): JASON ALKIRE, JEN DALEY, ANDY DENST, AMY DVORAK (EDITOR), BRANDON HAENY, CERA JACKOMIS, KIM JENSEN, SARAH LUKETICH (EDITOR), KEVIN MANNO, COLEMAN O'TOOLE, ALISON ROUMBOS, MARCO SILIER, KARA THOMPSON, APRIL TUCK AND ADVISER MR. TONY RIVERA



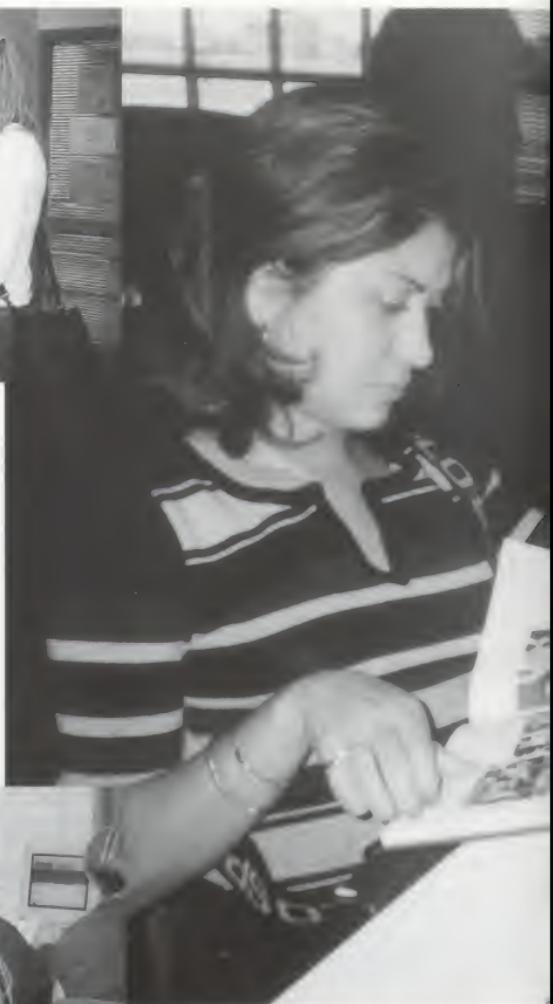
FINISHING UP
JUNIOR ALISON ROUMBOS MAKES FINAL TOUCHES TO HER STORY BEFORE IT GOES TO PRINT.





Oh, SO MANY QUESTIONS!

JUNIOR AMY DVORAK roams the halls looking for that "perfect quote." Without the cooperation of the student body, the Shield would not be as in depth as it is.



THERE'S ALWAYS TIME TO SMILE!

SENIOR JACLYN ADAMOSKI takes a minute to sit back and smile after finishing her layout. Yearbook staff members work continuously throughout the week to produce their layouts in time for deadlines.





SEARCHING FOR AN IDEA...

SENIOR ERIKA CORDOVA FLIPS THROUGH AN OLD YEARBOOK AS SHE BRAINSTORMS FOR HER UPCOMING LAYOUT. MEMBERS OF THE SHIELD STAFF MUST PUT A LOT OF TIME, THOUGHT, AND HEART INTO THEIR WORK.

Memories in Time

Deadlines, pressure, stress, crashing computers...these are just a few words to describe the class we have come to know as Yearbook.

This year's yearbook staff proved to be a promising one. With Jen Shelton and Kristin Peach as Editors, things rolled along with the greatest of ease.

The 2000 Shield staff attended a workshop at the Radisson in Merrillville, which helped to prepare these students for the upcoming year. In addition, near the end of the school year, staff members traveled to Ball State University to further ensure the success of this year's book and to collect state awards and recognition from the previous yearbook.

The course to produce the yearbook is a non-stop, time consuming, yet fun and rewarding class which few have the privilege to take. Most likely you have seen a staff member in the halls of HHIS trying to find that perfect quote, or April Tuck and Becky Drolen, Photography Editors for the *Shield*, catching a Kodak moment. With everyone working together, this year's book is definitely one to remember! The staff hopes you enjoy it just as much as they enjoyed putting it all together.

By **Stephanie**
Walaszek

The Inside Track

WHAT'S THE BEST PART OF BEING ON
THE YEARBOOK STAFF?



"I like the fact that I can make a big impact upon people's lives. They will be looking at my work for years to come!"

—Jen Shelton, Editor

"I love taking pictures for this class! The whole yearbook is based on pictures, and I love the creative freedom that I have!"

—April Tuck, Photo Editor



A whole lot of Lovin'
Junior Becky Drolen gives Junior
Editor Kristin Peach a giant bear
hug as she diligently works on a
layout spread. This year's staff has
become really close, working hard
TOGETHER...EVEN ON THE WEEKENDS AND
MANY EVENINGS LATE AFTER SCHOOL!

Strength & Power

Some People join a Physical Education class to improve their looks, some do it just to stay healthy and physically fit, but most take one of these classes because it is a challenge. Some of these classes are Aerobics, Weights , and Swimming 1 & 2. Basic Physical education is required.

"Weights is a really fun class because a lot of my friends are in there with me," junior Amanda Eckrich said. Weights helps build and tone muscle while swimming works the cardiovascular system. Students who take advanced swimming can earn life-guarding certification.

Physical Education is a basic class all freshmen take when entering high school. P.E. consists of swimming, running, and games like baseball and volleyball.

"Aerobics is a very hard class most people think is an easy class, but there is lots of homework," junior Jennie Karpinec said. "Aerobics also is a good class because it keeps you really fit."

By Heidi Robinson

The Inside Track

WHAT MAKES A PERSON
DEDICATED TO LIFTING WEIGHTS?



"The reason I am so dedicated to lifting is knowing I am going to get all of the girls' attention."

-Mark Hernandez

"The reason I am so dedicated to lifting is Paul. He gives me a good reason to want to relieve stress."

-Jaclyn Adamoski

PUSHING IT
SENIOR LEE NATELBORG IS PUSHING IT TO THE LIMIT AND SHOWING WHAT IT TAKES TO WORK HARD AND REACH FOR YOUR GOALS.



Working Hard

SOPHOMORE ADAM McGlashan IS BEING VERY HELPFUL IN SWIMMING CLASS. THE SWIMMING BOARDS HE IS HOLDING HELP KICKING MOTIONS WHILE YOU SWIM. WHAT A SWEETHEART HE IS FOR PUTTING THEM AWAY!





Goofy Buds

Seniors Matt Jones, Eric Beard, and Greg Nieckula goof around in aerobics class, lifting five-pound weights. This shows how strong they really are.



SHOWING OFF
SENIOR ISAAC NELSON is showing off his big triceps to his classmates by doing a lift. In this lift the weight is held behind your head and pulled straight up.





So much to do . . .

. . . so little time. Did you ever have a day where your ride arrived too early? Junior Carrie Smigla, for lack of time, gets ready in the high school locker room.



Two heads are better than one

Seniors Tiffany Tuskan and Paul Butler prove two heads are really better than one. By combining their knowledge they can solve just about any problem that comes their way.



GAME ON!

SOME STUDENTS ENJOY THE OPPORTUNITY TO RELAX AND PLAY A GAME OF CARDS DURING THE LAST SEVERAL MINUTES OF STUDY HALL PERIOD. MANY STUDENTS LOOK FOR DIFFERENT WAYS TO ENJOY THEIR FREE TIME.



No Time to Waste

when there are deadlines to meet, and so many other things which must be done.

Students at Highland High School always have a lot to do. With grades, jobs, and extracurricular activities, they often find it hard to manage their time.

Some students have very hectic schedules planned out to the last minute, while others struggle to remember assignments and appointments. With everything today's students are asked to do, many buckle under the pressure. It can be very difficult to find study time.

"I usually study during school so I don't have to at home," senior Wendy Thompson said.

A Study Hall during the day can really help when you're pressed for time, but some students spend their hour catching up on lost sleep. Jobs also take up a lot of study time. Senior Stephanic Walaszek manages her study time around her job as a head bartender at a juice bar in a teen dance club. "I try to manage it all," she said.

By Joanne Kwasny

The Inside Track

How Do You Study?



"I usually don't study, but when I do, I study at school."

—Jared Tauber



"I use my study hall time at school to study, because I don't have a lot of time at home."

—Staci White

Is That Your Final Answer?
During passing period and lunch, students frantically try to finish assignments before their classes start.

Honor This

bunch of students for all the work they do! The National Honor Society is group of honor students who not only excel in scholastic areas, but also excel in helping anyone who needs it. They conduct various fundraisers, food and book drives, and also tutor other students who need some extra help.

"Tutoring makes me feel like I've made a difference in a fellow student's life," senior Paul Butler said. "I am grateful for the opportunity to help others."

Mrs. Catherine Berg has been the NHS Co-advisor for three years, while Principal Mr. Michael Backes is the head advisor.

Seniors Megan Zendian, NHS President, and Yvonne Sklarz, Vice President, organize and set up all of the events.

Being in the Honor Society not only means you are an honor student, but that you also are a student who cares about your community, your school, your peers, and yourself.

By
Jaclyn Adamoski
& John Paulauski

WELCOME TO THE Club

A NEW GROUP OF JUNIORS WERE INDUCED INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY THIS SPRING. SENIOR RACHEL MURPHY LIGHTS THE CANDLES THAT REPRESENT THE QUALITIES A NHS MEMBER SHOULD HAVE.

The Inside Track

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT BEING IN NHS?



"The best thing I did all year in NHS was getting to work with the little kids at Johnston. It felt good to make a difference in their holiday season."

-Dana Herman

"The car wash this year was so fun even though it was freezing cold out. No one even cared about the weather. We all just went out there and had a good time."

-Erika Cordova



DO A LITTLE DANCE
SENIOR TIFFANY WENRICH AND SENIOR SARA HANAFI SHUT THEIR STUFF AT THE NHS CAR WASH. THEY WILL TRY JUST ABOUT ANYTHING TO KEEP WARM IN THE COLD WEATHER.





BEEP! BEEP!

SENIOR MIRANDA KESSLER IS SELLSLESSLY WASHING A STRANGER'S CAR FOR SCHOLARSHIP MONEY TO GIVE TO STUDENTS WHO NEED AND EARNED IT. NHS IS ALL ABOUT HELPING THE COMMUNITY AND HAVING FUN DOING IT, TOO.



Ho! Ho! Ho!

NHS HELD A CHRISTMAS PARTY AT JOHNSTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIS YEAR. SENIOR PAUL BUTLER DRESSED AS SANTA CLAUS TO SPREAD HOLIDAY CHEER TO ALL THE LITTLE CHILDREN.



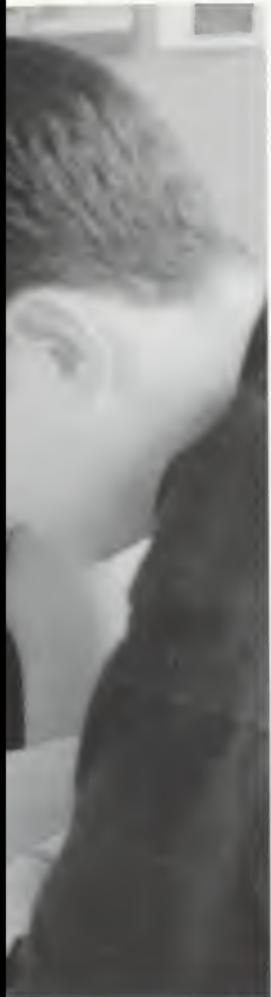
Work in Progress

Becky Lowry concentrates hard on her latest project. Most NAHS students are also in an additional art class that requires them to use their artistic abilities "double-time."

A Different Kind of Canvas

Sarah Felker paints a little girl's face at the Tailgate Party. NAHS has been doing face painting at the tailgate parties for the last few years.





**TWO HEADS
ARE BETTER
THAN ONE**
THERESA SHOEMAKER
AND JOSH DRAKE WORK
TOGETHER TO FILL THE
BLANK PAPER IN FRONT
OF THEM. SOMETIMES
AN ART PROJECT LOOKS
BETTER WHEN TWO
STUDENTS WORK TO-
GETHER.

Painting the Town

and the school is what National Art Honor Society is all about.

The town has benefited from the NAHS members' artistic abilities in Art in the Park, scholarships, hand-made Christmas cards, floats in the parades, and various art shows. NAHS members also worked with speech, drama, orchestra, and choir to take over Main Square during Art in the Park, flooding it with their various art projects and musical talents.

As a fundraiser, NAHS sent people flower and candy grams on Valentine's Day and Halloween. The money earned was devoted to a field trip, entrance fees for art shows, art supplies, and decorations for banquets and awards ceremonies.

There are presently 39 members in National Art Honor Society. Paul Pilewski was honored as Artist of the Year. Teddy Laich and Julie Canner were given artistic awards, and Janet Crozier won Best in Show at Art in the Park.

By
Cera Jackomis

The Inside Track

WHAT DO YOU THINK ARE SOME
BENEFITS OF BEING IN NAHS?



"I enjoy seeing the students get recognized for their abilities and talents."

-Mr. Dowdy



"We do so many different things in the community. It's a lot of work, but it's fun."

-Teddy Laich

Artist's Block
SENIOR JANET CROZIER STARES AT THE BLANK PAGE, HOPING FOR A GOOD IDEA FOR HER NEXT PICTURE. STUDENTS IN NAHS HAVE TO PUT A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO ALL OF THEIR PROJECTS.

The Next Step

of our lives is quickly approaching, and we're all going about preparing ourselves in different ways. We're constantly making major decisions about our future - which classes to take, which tests to take, which college to go to, or whether we want to go to college at all.

Before you can think about your future, you have to think about the present. The classes you take in high school will greatly effect what you do in the years to come. Honors classes, or if you're not ready for that, fewer blow-off classes will increase your chances of getting into the school you want. Also, taking tests like the S.A.T. and

A.C.T. (and getting good scores) will look impressive on your college applications.

"By taking both the S.A.T. and A.C.T., I feel like my options of colleges are more wide-spread," junior Kelly Bunchek said.

But how do you know what schools to apply to? College visits are always a good move in deciding where you want to go. They allow you to take tours of your possible college-to-be, talk to administrators, look at the school's departments, and even sit in on a class or two.

By Julie Lottino



GETTING THE 411

BEN SEITSMA GETS INFORMATION (AND PENCILS) FROM A NAVAL OFFICER BEFORE LUNCH.



Inside Track

WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING TO PREPARE FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?



"I went to Fort Benning for Basic Training. That's going to pay for all of my tuition."

- Dan Bruce



"I took harder classes, like Physics, to bring up my GPA."

- Derek Lannon



"I've been working a lot of hours to save up money."

- Nichole Moore



"I've been going on college visits... I'm planning on taking the SAT, and I'm eating a lot of beef sandwiches."

- Peter Schu

PREPARATION IS KEY

JUNIOR TRACEE EVANS STUDIES HARD FOR A MATH TEST SO SHE CAN IMPROVE HER GRADES. A STUDENT'S GRADES THROUGHOUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL YEARS IS ONE OF THE DETERMINING FACTORS FOR COLLEGE ENTRANCE.

Taking a Gander

CARRIE SMIGLA LOOKS AROUND AT THE GUIDANCE OFFICE BULLETIN BOARDS FOR INFORMATION.

Checking things out

MARY KAHN AND RYAN KELLY POSE AT VALPARAISO UNIVERSITY, WONDERING IF THEY'LL BE SPENDING PART OF THEIR FUTURE THERE.





WORKING TOGETHER

JUNIORS DAVID BENSON AND GRANT TROXEL WORK TOGETHER ON A PROJECT, PROVING TEAMWORK IS BENEFICIAL TO ANY ACTIVITY.



ANOTHER

VICTORY!

MEGAN PENA AND MARTHA ULLMAN PUT THEIR BEST SMILES ON AFTER ANOTHER WIN. SCIENCE OLYMPIAD IS BOTH INTERESTING AND FUN.



Academic Excellence

Science Olympiad & Academic Decathlon

At any given time you can hear students complaining about homework and not understanding the material in their classes.

But not these students...

They go above and beyond the regular school day and devote their spare time to learning even more, whether it be science, math, or history, they know it all. You might even call this group of teenagers "whiz kids." They even compete against other schools throughout the state, proving their knowledge.

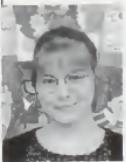
"I love Academic Decathlon," junior David Benson said. "It gives me that extra push to learn more and be a better student."

Science Olympiad is headed by Mrs. Kathleen Nowicki, and Academic Decathlon, which placed first in the Regional competition, is run by Mr. Marc Ryser and Ms. Erin Tryon.

By **Stephanie Walaszek**

The Inside Track

WHAT did you ENJOY MOST ABOUT SCIENCE OLYMPIAD AND ACADEMIC DECAHTLON THIS YEAR?



"Being involved with Science Olympiad has been very beneficial to my high school experience. It will always be a lasting memory."

-Mary Ullman

"I had a lot of fun this year. I learned a lot and had a great time doing it too. Science Olympiad rocks!" -David Benson



READY AND DETERMINED
JUNIOR PETER SCHU EXAMINES A JAR AS PART OF SCIENCE OLYMPIAD. ENDLESS HOURS OF WORK AND INDEPENDENT STUDY GOES INTO PREPARATION FOR THIS EVENT.



Step Up To the Mike

and address your audience. For many, that may be easier said than done. Standing in front of a microphone and trying to prove a point, or discussing some issue that you feel strongly about to a crowd of people is not an easy thing to do, as many speech members can attest to.

Several speech members, though, excelled in this area. Awards were given to members of the speech team, such as Coach's Award for Service, which was presented to Rhiannon Cizon. Most Valuable Senior was Kerry Hall, who also placed sixth in the state. The Most Valuable Speaker Award was given to Ben

Varnau. The Rookie of the Year Award was given to Dana Marlowe. Megan Perryman was given the Most Improved Award. The Best Mental Attitude Award was given to Adam White.

Team members refined their skills at several state competitions. Now that their season has ended, some members will be graduating, giving the younger members a chance to show off their stuff.

By Greg Nieckula & Cera Jackomis



TAKING A BREAK

SOME OF THE GANG STOPS TO GRAB A BITE TO EAT AFTER ONE OF THE MANY SPEECH MEETS.



Bold BEN

BEN VARNAU CERTAINLY IS NOT SHY. IN ADDITION TO BEING ON THE SPEECH TEAM, HE HAS APPEARED ON STAGE NUMEROUS TIMES IN HTC'S PLAYS AND MUSICALS.



TAKING CENTER STAGE

JASON SCHWAB AND ADAM WHITE PERFORM AT THE SPEECH AND DEBATE BANQUET.

STRIKE A POSE

SOME OF THE SPEECH TEAM POSES WITH MS. MOLLY THOMAS AT THIS YEAR'S ART IN THE PARK.



LISTEN UP TROOPS

MS. THOMAS GIVES OUT ORDERS TO THE SPEECH TEAM ON AN UPCOMING MEET.

Inside Track

Why is learning a foreign language important to you?



"Spanish is very interesting, and learning about Hispanic cultures has broadened my world view." -Dwight Moser

"It helps me to better understand other people and learn to appreciate diverse world paradigms." ~Julie Kruger

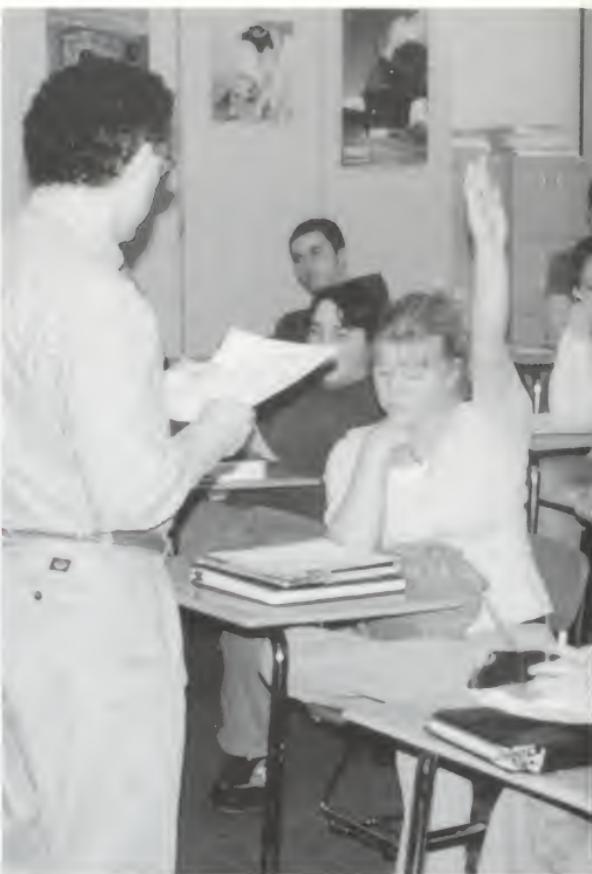


"Foreign language has a totally different atmosphere from any other class."

-Sarah Hillman

"I feel that learning Japanese will be very useful to me in the future. Japanese is Rippa!"

- Dave Blahnik



GRASPING THE CONCEPT

Lisa Wilson asks a question during one of Mr. Doukas' Japanese lectures. Asking questions is just another step towards success in today's world.



THE FEW, THE PROUD

New members are inducted into their language honor societies. This is a great accomplishment for these outstanding students.

Circle of Friends

Foreign language students come together to celebrate their talents at their annual banquet. Not only do these students learn a new language, but they also make lasting friendships.



Talk the Talk

If you ask someone what their schedule is, you're almost sure to hear Spanish, German, Japanese, or French listed along with their classes. That's no surprise, considering the importance of speaking another language in today's diverse, multicultural world.

"The days of remaining isolated from other languages and cultures are gone," Mrs. Mary Certa said. "We have to stress foreign languages as a way to succeed in an international market."

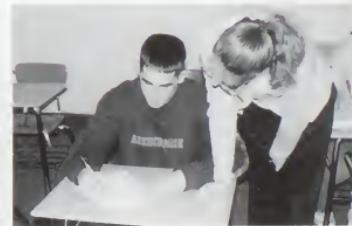
Foreign languages may be challenging but well worth the time and effort. "Discipline is the key to success," says Mr. Dennis Kaminski, "and learning

a foreign language is a discipline of the mind, therefore a foreign language can be a key factor to success financially as well as to your self-esteem."

Foreign languages are not all studying and homework, though. Field trips, class activities, and games are also included in the daily curriculum.

"My foreign language class has been an adventure, and it has helped to make me a well-rounded individual," senior Emily Cooke said.

By Paul Butler



Great Minds

Sophomore Justin Delrio gets help from Frau Rash during German 2. One-on-one help is necessary when learning a foreign language.

What a Weekend

it was for many juniors. Going to Natural Helper not knowing what was going to happen, and then coming back unable to tell what had happened, makes people wonder why it has been the time of some students' lives.

"I am glad I got chosen for Natural Helper," Patrick Mucha said, "It gave me a chance to get to know other people and make new friends."

Natural Helper was a great learning experience for students, and also a fun weekend to relax and learn to be yourself in front of other students.

"At Natural Helper I wasn't afraid to open up," Jessica McKinney said. "I felt as if I had been friends with these people

forever."

Many students were apprehensive about going, but when they returned, they were glad they had gone.

"I didn't think it was going to be that fun," Jimmy Miloshoff said. "It turned out pretty fun though. I liked the fact that all my good friends were there."

The most that has been said about the whole weekend is that if you get the chance to go, don't pass it up.

"I had so much fun, and became closer with people I never knew I had anything in common with," Kim Oros said.

By Kara Thompson



TIME-OUT!

JUST BEFORE BEDTIME, THESE HYPER NATURAL HELPERS TOOK A BREAK FROM ALL THE FUN TO POSE FOR A PICTURE.



Inside Track

WHAT WAS THE BEST THING ABOUT THE WHOLE WEEKEND?



Laid back

JUNIOR BOBBY KIEST TAKES IT EASY AT THE NATURAL HELPER RETREAT. "THE BEST THING ABOUT THE WEEKEND WAS JUST CHILLIN'," KIEST SAID.

LENDING A HAND

Ryan Manno and Kim Jensen share a hug with each other. "I was really happy to see Ryan again," Jensen said. Even though away at college, Manno came back to help out as a leader this year.



"I really liked the fact that I had a chance to grow close with so many people I never even talked to before." -Kevin Manno

"I learned a lot about people that I didn't know before. I liked the whole weekend." -Janelle Kawecki



"I liked being a leader. I got closer to my friends, and I enjoyed the fearsome foursome." -Mike Georgeff

"The best thing about Natural Helper was the way we all were able to open up and share with each other." -Crystal Crook

NATURAL LEADERS

EVERYONE THAT WENT ON THE NATURAL HELPERS WEEKEND CAME BACK EAGER TO BE LEADERS IN THE SCHOOL.

Inside Track

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING ON SNOWFLAKE STAFF?



"The best part is getting the chance to impact the lives of kids younger than me,"

-Kevin Manno

"Getting to know everyone on staff a lot better. I also enjoyed the staff sleep-over."

-Rachel Murphy



"Getting along with people I don't normally talk to,"

-Kara Thompson

"I enjoyed being able to help others. I had a lot of fun with group 10" -Greg Kuiper



Choo-Choo

Snowflake staff members start a massage train during a large group activity. After a long day of working, it was about time for a break.



Say cheese

The Dead End staff smiles pretty for the camera. Dead End is one of the most important programs affiliated with Snowflake.

Leading the pack

Senior Maggie Amanatidis keeps the middle-schoolers in line during a mini-workshop. "Being on staff allowed me to make friends that will last a lifetime," Amanatidis said.



let it snow. let it snow.



let it snow! Snowflake has once again invaded the middle school this year. Snowflake is an overnight program put on for the middle-schoolers by selected high-schoolers every year in November. Snowflake's idea is to lead middle-schoolers to a drug-free lifestyle and to educate them on life in the real world.

At 5 p.m., 108 middle school students piled into the gym waiting and wondering what this was all about. The 45 staff members, lead by teen directors Karry Hall, Jackie Negovetich, and Kim Jensen, paraded in the gym blasting the song "Celebrate" to go along with this year's Mardi Gras theme. The idea behind the theme is to prove that you can have fun without

drugs or alcohol.

"I am very happy with the way Snowflake turned out," senior Rich Garcia said. "I believe the hard work and time we put into it really made a difference in the lives of others."

Staff members put together a series of group activities, mini-workshops, and the always popular Dead End. Those who were still hyper in the late night hours got the opportunity to dance the night away at the annual Snowflake dancee.

Snowflake made a lasting impression on all who attended and it has become an experienece nobody will forget.

By Kim Jensen



DIRECTOR'S CUT

TEEN DIRECTORS KIM JENSEN, KARRY HALL, AND JACKIE NEGOVETICH TAKE A QUICK BREAK TO POSE FOR THE CAMARA. THE TEEN DIRECTORS GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO PICK THE STAFF AND PLAN THE EVENT.

Lending a hand

is exactly what Key Club at Highland High School is all about.

Led by Mrs. Joan Ray and senior president Eric Talkington, the Club does a lot of good things for the Highland community such as, working with various charities, raising money for school activities, and many community service activities with Kiwanis. The Key Club also helps the Highland Parks Department with several activities, including the annual "Pumpkin Plod" road race and "Family Day in the Park," which is held at Main Square in downtown Highland each year. Key Club also provides its help internationally. Four members

of the club traveled to South America, where they collected toys for children in Honduras and Guatemala. This year the Key Club took a field trip to the elementary schools to read to the students. After the readings, the elementary students were each given a complimentary book from the Highland Kiwanas.

"The thing I like most about Highland Key Club is that it incorporates all four classes and all types of kids," Mrs. Ray said of her group.

Members make a big difference in the community with all the services they perform and provide.

By Joanne Kwasny



LEADING THE GROUP

SENIOR KEY CLUB PRESIDENT ERIC TALKINGTON DISCUSSES THE WEEK'S TOPIC WHILE THE MEMBERS ANXIOUSLY AWAIT HIS OPINIONS.



Inside Track

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT
HIGHLAND'S KEY CLUB?



"I feel a sense of accomplishment knowing that I helped someone or something."
-Nicole Breger



"Lisa Greeson is the only Club member I know. She makes me want to learn more about it." -Jaelyn Adamoski



"I like to help people, so Key Club is great for me!"
-Lisa Greeson



"I'd like to learn more about the Club because it sounds cool."
-Brandon Gold



A TEAM EFFORT

THE HIGHLAND KEY CLUB TAKES TIME OUT OF THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE TO POSE FOR A GROUP SHOT. THE CLUB WORKS TIREFLESSLY AT MAKING THE HIGHLAND COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE.

LISTEN UP!

THE KEY CLUB MEETINGS CAN SOMETIMES BE STRESSFUL, BUT THE BENEFITS OF WORKING HARD ALWAYS PAY OFF.

ASK AWAY

KEY CLUB MEMBER BECKY LOWRY PICKS UP SOME PAPERS FROM MRS. JOAN RAY.



Inside Track

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE FAIRY TALE AS A KID?



"Robin Hood -- I watched it everyday when I was little."

- Matthew Swecney

"Sleeping Beauty, because it was romantic."

- Erica Horsley



"I personally like Rumplestiltskin, because it is the most entertaining."

- Teddy Laich

"Jack and the Beanstalk because I think giants are cool!"

- Mr. Marty Grubbs



A Wish Come True

JACOB VANSICKLE AND KERRY HALL, AS THE BAKER AND HIS WIFE, bask in the glory of their new child.



He's Not Worthy!

JACOB VANSICKLE, AS THE BAKER, proves his worthlessness to TIFFANY WENRICH, playing CINDERELLA.

It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's a giant!

THE CAST COWERS IN FEAR AS THEY WAIT FOR THEIR IMPENDING DOOM - A 40-foot WOMAN'S FOOT CRASHING DOWN ON THEIR VILLAGE.



Breaking the Curse.



slaying the giant, meeting the prince, and getting to Grandmother's house. What do all of these things have in common? They're all tasks conquered by the Highland Theatre Company in this fall's musical, "Into the Woods."

The musical comedy is about several famous fairy tale characters living in one kingdom whose stories are being woven together. The stories include Cinderella, Jack and the Beanstalk, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood.

You might think it was easy for the actors to play such popular roles, but they thought differently.

"It was tough to make everyone start thinking of the real Cinderella instead of the Disney character," senior Tiffany Wenrich said.

Acting wasn't the only thing that was hard to prepare for. The sets and costumes were very difficult and took a long time to make.

"The show really came together once we got everything put together and ready," senior Jason Schwabb said.

Even though the road to Grandmother's house was long and bumpy, HTC pulled it off, proving that you don't always need a knight in shining armor.

By Julie Lattino & Rebecca Wilson



RESISTING PEER PRESSURE
SEAN MCCAMBRIDGE, AS THE NARRATOR, TRIES TO KEEP HIMSELF FROM ENTERING THE STORY AND FACING A GIANT.

Out of the Norm.

and showing the world that you don't need drugs to be part of the "in-crowd." The members of TREND (Turning Resources and Energy in New Directions) are in a battle against drugs, and they seem to be winning.

Throughout the year, TREND sponsored several activities to promote life without drugs.

One example of these activities is the free movie nights the club held. The nights showed that there are other things to do after school beside drugs.

Also, TREND sponsored students to go to ITI (Indiana Teen Institute), which teaches leadership skills and drug-free activities.

"We went through a lot of courses, mostly about teamwork, and met a lot of new people," said sophomore Steve Strader.

Teens Against Tobacco Use, or TATU, is a division of Trend, which gives students who are anti-tobacco a chance to voice their concerns. This year, the clubs took a day out of school in the spring to travel to the elementary schools in Highland to teach the fifth and sixth graders the dangers of smoking.

All in all, the members have proven to move against the current life-styles of many teens these days.

By Julie Lottino



CHOWING DOWN

DRUG-FREE SENIORS Jackie Negovetich and Valerie Lamott enjoy some drug-free food at drug-free Wicker Park at the drug-free TREND picnic.



Inside Track

WHAT DO YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT TREND?

"It's nice to know I've made a difference in somebody's life."
-sophomore
Heather Taylor

"I hope it will save people from future drug-related accidents."

-sophomore
Vanessa Chavez



"It's a good way for students to get to know a life without drugs."
- Mrs. Corally McCann



"I love being in TREND because it involves an awesome group of people doing fun activities."
- senior
Jackie Negovetich



Sober Living

SENIOR SANTOS SALINAS KICKS BACK WITH A COLD ONE... OF ROOT BEER.

SERVING UP FUN

SENIOR JACKIE NEGOVETICH AND SOPHOMORE JOHN SANDER play volleyball at the TREND picnic in May.

HE SAID, SHE SAID

MS. BOYD AND SENIOR SANTOS SALINAS HAVE A DISCUSSION AT A TREND MEETING.



Inside Track

WHAT IS YOUR FONDEST MEMORY
ABOUT MAKING THIS PLAY?



"I got to set off an explosion for every show. That was pretty cool."

- Jeremy Fenolio

"I think the best thing was getting to know the cast and crew."

- Leanne Fandrei



"It was my very first play, so it will always stand out in my mind."

- Kyle McCambridge

"We were the first play performed in the new auditorium. It was really nice."

- Kristen Kolodziej



All We Need Is Love

CATHERINE, played by senior LEANNE FANDREI, hugs CHARLIE, senior GREG NIECKULA, during a touching scene.



Strike a pose

The full cast of "The Foreigner" pose for the camera.

Dinner Time!

Members of the cast sit down at the table to enjoy a quality meal together. At this point, Charlie is about to learn how to speak English.



A Foreign experience

hit the Highland Theatre Company when it opened the winter season with "The Foreigner."

This comedy is about a man named Charlie who is so afraid of confrontation that he cannot even stand up to his unfaithful wife. Feeling sorry for him, Charlie's friend decides to get him away for a few days. The two end up at a small fishing lodge in Georgia. The adventure really begins when Charlie acts like a man who cannot speak a word of English.

Because the auditorium was under renovation, all rehearsals took place in a classroom at Merkley Elementary School. The performances were originally

planned for the cafeteria, but with only two weeks left before the show was set to open, it was announced to HTC that the shows were going to take place in the auditorium.

"It was a bit difficult to switch from a small classroom to a huge auditorium, but I think we pulled it off," Coleman O'Toole said.

The cast and crew definitely pulled it off. The show went off without a hitch.

"I was so proud of everyone," Director Marty Grubbs said. "They went through a lot to put this show together and it turned out great."

By Greg Nieckula



IN SEARCH OF...

SENIOR JORDAN VILLARREAL AND SENIOR COLEMAN O'TOOLE dig through a box during one of the scenes in "THE FOREIGNER."

Making a Difference

at Highland High School? How is it done? Well, join Student Council. It's an organization which gets things done in the school. When students have complaints or concerns, they go to a member of Student Council, and then, in turn, they can take the concerns to administrators. They are also involved in a variety of activities, including planning dances, arranging fundraisers, planning Spirit Week events, and making the school a better place.

"Student Council is a time where the students from the different classes get together and make important decisions concerning the well-being of the

school, students, and community," sophomore Bubba Moser said.

Student Council is also a place where one can voice their opinions.

"Student Council has been a big part of my four years of high school," senior Jen McFarlane said. "It has given me the opportunity to interact with the community and hopefully make a difference in the school."



By Paul Butler



PIE IN YOUR FACE

SENIOR JEN MCFARLANE AND SOPHOMORE BUBBA MOSER SHOW THAT HELPING CAN BE FUN. THE STUDENT COUNCIL HELPED TO ORGANIZE A SPAGHETTI DINNER TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE BEAMS FAMILY.



Inside Track

Why is Student Council so important to the school?



"The students can communicate better with their peers than teachers can."

- Mark Natelborg

"Student Council rocks."

- Megan Orr



"They do things to make school more fun, like Spirit Week and dances."

- Courtney Condes

"They do a lot for the school and for the community."

- James McAvoy



This Blood's for You

SENIOR COLEMEAN O'TOOLE gives blood at the blood drive sponsored by Student Council. By giving blood, people can help out other people who need it.

Hello

SENIOR KATIE JOHNSON speaks her mind to the rest of the members of Student Council. Disagreements are common, but they work out their differences for the benefit of the entire school.



It's been a hard days night.

and many students at Highland High school have been workin' like dogs.

Many of the students at Highland are forced to manage their time between friends, school, a job, and just maybe, that significant other.

"I have had a hard time balancing my time lately because I work almost every day at Juicy Lucy's," sophomore Patricia Griner said.

Some students have had jobs for their whole high school career, while some just happened to catch a job for their summer money.

"I'm glad that I got a job at Subway because now I have money for the summer to do whatever I want to do," sophomore Mary Seubelak said.

So, as you can see, having a job can be a good or bad experience. The benefit of having extra money to spend is a trade-off students must weigh against sacrificing their time to be, well, regular high school students.

POURIN'
DANA Espinoza pours coffee for a customer at Blue Top. She says she enjoys her job, not only for the extra money, but also because she meets so many new people.



By
Nicole Metjanac

The Inside Track

WHAT IS THE BEST PART ABOUT
HAVING A JOB?



"I think the best part of having a job is that I have my own money, and it occupies my time outside of school."

-Nichole Kroll

"I got to meet a lot of people and I like having the money to go out and do things with my friends."

-Kim Jensen



Scoopin' it up
Andrea Villarreal scoops up some ice cream for a customer at the Sweet Tooth.



Bussin'

Josh Drake busses tables at Traditions Restaurant, and it looks like he enjoys his job and the extra money.



It's a Bag

Junior Brian Sexton says working at Meijer Superstore is fun because he loves bagging groceries for customers.

KTC says, "Hello Dolly!"

during their Spring Musical production. This famous production has been produced many times over throughout the world and finally it came to Highland and its newly renovated auditorium.

This classical musical is about a young woman who comes to a small town in New York. This woman's name? Well, the one and only, Ms. Dolly Levi. Now this town opened its arms to this woman, and, well, everyone except for a grumpy old man who runs the most profitable feed store in town, a Mr. Horace Vandergelder. Well, as the show goes on, there's a number of different things that happen. Mr. Vandergelder's apprentices

sabotage his shop so that they can get a day off and go to New York to kiss a girl and see a giant stuffed whale at a museum.

Well, much more happens. Such as men walk into a woman's hat shop, then at a fancy restaurant no one can seem to find a waiter, then everyone gets arrested! Whoa! Well, all ends well as the judge has a kind heart and lets the people of the restaurant go on account of love.

By Becca Wilson



WELCOME!

The people of the town gather to welcome the newest addition to the town, Ms. Dolly Levi.



Inside Track

WHAT WAS SO HARD ABOUT DOING A BROADWAY MUSICAL?



"Putting the whole thing together so it would be good. That was the hardest part for me."

-Erica Horsely



"The hardest part for me was getting all the sets done by myself."

-Teddy Laich



"There wasn't really any hard parts for me. I just moved scenery."

-Matt Nelson



"I suppose with any musical, it's having so many people. It can get a little crazy."

-Mr. Marty Grubbs

A Gal of Many Faces

NICOLE BREGER PLAYED MANY PARTS DURING *Hello Dolly*, INCLUDING A TOWNS PERSON AND A WAITRESS IN THE RESTAURANT.

Feed Shop Bop

MATT SWEENEY, JACOB VAN SICKLE, AND BEN VARNAU ARE JOINED BY THE MALE PORTION OF THE CHORUS IN THE FEED SHOP SCENE.

Ah, Those Tourists

TIFFANY WENRICH AND JACOB VAN SICKLE TAKE PICTURES ALONG THEIR WAY THROUGH THE TOWN.



Inside Track

Why was Prom so special to you this year?



"I had a lot of fun just going with a good friend who made my evening very memorable."

-Nicole Meljanac



ROMANCE DANCE

THE THREE COUPLES ARE HAVING THEIR MOMENT ALONE, WHILE THE SOFT MUSIC PLAYS IN THEIR HEADS.



YEE-HAW COWGIRL

SENIOR JEN PASWINSKI AND DATE FRANK GORCZYCA ARE HAVING A BALL WHILE FRANK IS ROPING HER IN WITH HIS STALLION WAYS.

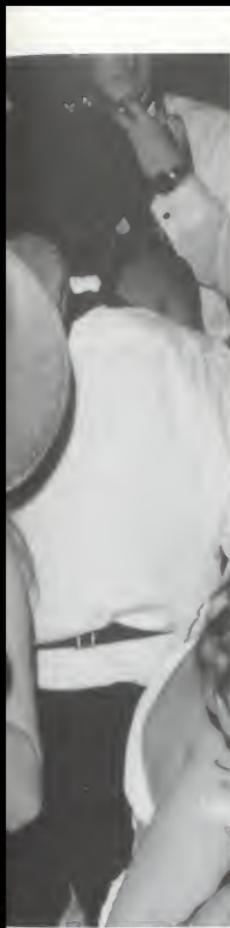


LAUGHS AND FROWNS

AS DAVE ROSALES SMILES TO ONE OF HIS BUDDIES, HIS GIRLFRIEND GISELE RIOS DOESN'T SEEM TO LOOK VERY HAPPY.

JUNIOR ROYALTY

ONCE A YEAR THE JUNIORS GET TO BE KNOWN AT A DANCE, IT JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE. V.J. DAMASUS, CRYSTAL CROOK, BRIAN BATUR, ALEXIS GOOLIK, DANNY KOLLADA, APRIL TUCK, JAY TUROCI, JACLYN PUNILLO, KEVIN MANDO, AND KIM OROS ARE GIVEN THE HONOR OF BEING PART OF THAT.



Dreaming of You

by Selena, was this year's Prom theme song, while *A night under the stars* was the theme. The Junior Class was given the opportunity to host the event at Merrillville's Radisson Hotel.

"Everybody behaved very well this year, and I was happy with everything," Mr. Huber said.

Once the Court was named, much of the attention focused ultimately on the crowning of King Jay Turoci and Queen April Tuck. There could not have been a better moment than seeing them in a picture together.

OK, about the Prom? Well,

**By Christie Tomaszewski
& Heidi Robinson**

the picture line was very fast and the photographers accomplished a lot in the amount of time they had.

"Even though there was only one line for pictures, it went faster than when two picture stands were at Turnabout," Tom Pappas said.

As students entered the dance, they walked under a balloon arch with the colors of pearl white, midnight blue, and metallic purple. Prom featured many different types of music from the '90's and early '80's and, naturally, everybody had a groovy, swell time.



CENTER OF ATTENTION

KING JAY TUROCI AND QUEEN APRIL TUCK SHARE A MOMENT ON THE DANCE FLOOR AFTER RECEIVING THEIR CROWNS.

BASIC TRAINING.

The long, arduous hours of summer conditioning - coming to school in the middle of the summer to lift weights and building muscle for an event that won't occur for another three months.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR STRENGTH.**

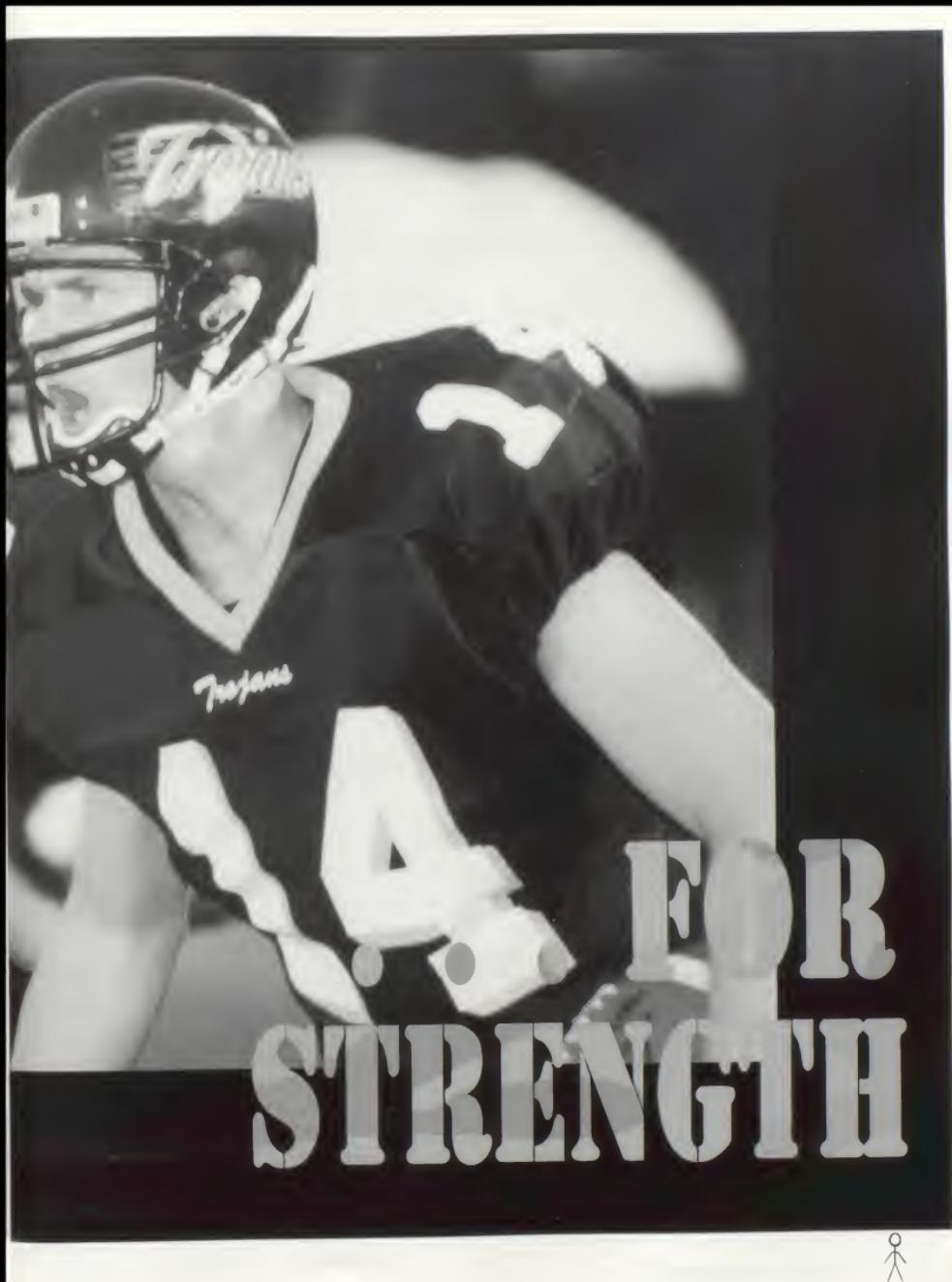
Running endless miles every day, come rain or shine, the brutal summer heat and the chilling cold of winter; getting up before the break of dawn to get into the pool or onto the court and then repeating the same ordeal after seven hours of school.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR ENDURANCE.**

Hours of drills to catch that fly ball or grounder just right or get that between the legs, behind the back combination down pat; spending endless quarters in the batting cages to get timing down to a "T" or being able to get that backhand stroke on the dot.

Our **BASIC TRAINING FOR COORDINATION.**





84 FOR
STRENGTH



KICKING SOME DIRT AROUND

SOCER TEAM TEARS UP THE TURF

The varsity girls' soccer team walked onto the field; pride, apprehension, fear, and adrenalin pumping through their veins. The taste of victory or the misery of defeat was just 40 minutes away. These emotions were felt on a regular basis at the beginning of each and every game.

The tough playing ladies posted a 12-4-1 record, including a 5-1 conference mark.

"Beating Griffith in sectionals was a major highlight of my senior year," senior Rina Molina said.

But there were so many high points for the team.

"Personally, I think the best time this year were the shutouts against Andrean," junior Therese Shoemaker said.

BY
BECCA WILSON



Kickin' it around

SENIOR STACI WHITE takes the ball away from her opponent with a mighty kick, sending the ball into orbit!

Da dee dah dah da! CHARGE!

HERE COMES THE CAVALRY IN THE FORM OF JUNIOR CORRIE KACZMAREK — THE LOVE OF THE GAME PUSHING HER ALL THE WAY.





ZERO IN ON... Rina Molina

The Highland girls' soccer team will lose one of their finest players next year. Senior Rina Molina has been an important part of the team since her freshman year.

"Even though we lost out in sectionals, I say we had a good year," Molina said. "Tying Lake Central during regular season was one of the best highlights of my soccer career."



HEY, HANDS OFF!

Oh, wait. Senior Adrianne Smith prepares to throw the ball back inbounds during one of the Trojans' games.



GO GIRL, GO!

Junior Dana Amrhein takes off with the ball towards the opponents' goal, leading the Highland attack against the defense.





Moving Freely

SENIOR Chris Anderson kicks the ball through the defense like there isn't even anyone there.



Offense

SENIOR JARED TAUBER manuevers the ball, searching for either an open teammate or an individual scoring opportunity.

ZERO IN ON...

JARED TAUBER



Following in his brothers' footsteps, Jared Tauber has made a major impact. He has helped lead the Trojans to several team accomplishments, including winning conference and sectional titles this season. For his outstanding play, he was named to the All-Conference First Team. Tauber plans to attend IU, where he hopes to play soccer.





RUNNING AWAY WITH A WIN!!!

The seniors this year came through on their promise. The season was full of teamwork and dedication, as the result of many rough practices and grueling games.

The varsity boys' soccer team finished with 12-7 record, including a conference mark of 8-1. Highland also captured conference and sectional crowns.

Seniors Chris Anderson, Tim Barsic, Jason Bonin, Adam Franz, Zelko Galic, Justin Hedrick, John O'Connor, Sebastian Strobel, and Jared Tauber will be terribly missed.

"Next year's Class will try to fill their shoes, but those are some pretty big shoes to fill," junior Adam Gacsy said.

"We were all such good friends," senior John O'Connor said.

**BY CHRISTIE TOMAZIEWSKI
& HEIDI ROBINSON**

WITH THE BOYS

TAKING A BREATHER

One of the teams valued players takes a rest to wipe the sweat from his brow and to revitalized himself.

Slippin' By

SENIOR RYAN STREZNISKI kicks the ball past an opponent from Hammond High.



THE LEADERS OF THE PACK

THE LADY TROJANS GET AHEAD OF THE REST

The season started like any other for the tradition-rich girls' cross country team - summer practices, new freshmen, and lost seniors. But little did the Lady Trojans know that they would aspire to be one of the best teams of the decade.

Everyone contributed to the team's success. In the end, the ladies captured a fourth straight all-conference championship, and advanced as a team to the regional and semistate levels.

Obviously the goals of the team were attained through teamwork and dedication.

"We really pulled through as a team by working together and helping each other out," junior Kristin Kendzierski said.

BY
JULEE LOTTING



RISING ABOVE THE REST

Jelena Gober, Kristin Kendzierski, and Katie Cortright strive to start the race out on top and make it to the head of the pack.

WHAT GOES UP MUST COME DOWN

Junior Kristin Kendzierski receives treatment for a leg injury that occurred while she was finishing her run at the meet.





KEEPING PACE
Sophomore Alison Austin strives to get to the front and finish her race on top.



GETTING Ready for Action

The girls take a lap and have a chat while preparing themselves at the Highland Invitational. Some down time before meets is definitely needed in order to keep the stress from building up.

ZERO IN ON... DENISE Killmer

This year the varsity girls' cross country team received a great lift with the addition of freshman Denise Killmer, who split her time with the varsity soccer team.

Killmer has competed in track since 5th grade, but this was her first time running long distances.

"It was hard at first," Killmer said. "I just wasn't used to long distances, since I had always done sprints."





Taking Off

John Capretti often times found himself alone during a race, usually because he was in the lead.



Raising the roof

The girls' cross-country team rally's around the guys, forming a tunnel for the boys' team to run through before the start of the Highland Invite.

ZERO IN ON...

Chris Zacny



Junior Chris Zacny was not the fastest runner on the varsity boys' cross country team, but he was one of the most improved.

"I lowered my times by over six minutes by the end of the season," Zacny said. "This was a really great season for the team, but also for me."



LEADING THE PACK

JUMPING OUT TO AN EARLY LEAD IN THE MEET, SEVERAL OF THE HIGHLAND RUNNERS SET THE PACE AT THE HIGHLAND INVITATIONAL.

PREPARING FOR BATTLE

RELAXED BUT FOCUSED, THE BOYS PREPARE FOR THE STARTING GUN IN THE HIGHLAND INVITATIONAL.

RUNNING FOR THE BLUE AND GOLD

With a really strong start, the Highland varsity boys' cross country team charged out of the gate and onto the course with a terrific beginning to the season.

"I think the season went very well," junior Jon Gardow said. "It started well and it ended well."

The team finished third in conference, and took fourth in their sectional. Also, John Capretti advanced past the sectional with a 10th-place finish, and he advanced to the semistate where he was forced to withdraw due to injury.

Running miles and miles at a time may not seem like fun, but for these guys, it was just another day at the office.

"By the end of the season we were all so used to running, it was like a new lifestyle," junior Jordan Galliher said.

BY
ADAM ALLEN



THE TAX DESERVE GETTING WHAT

BUMP, SET, NO SPIKE!

TROJANS WIN CONFERENCE

The Lady Trojan volleyball team had many great accomplishments this season.

First, they won their own Highland Invite for the first time, and went undefeated on their home court. If that wasn't enough, Highland captured the conference title for the first time since 1994, and finished with an impressive 26-5 record.

The season, though, came to a halt in the sectional championship, following a loss to Munster. The ladies played hard, and they put up a good fight, and they did beat the Munstags during the regular season in three hard-played games.

"This year was different because all of the girls were close friends, and we worked well together," junior Jenny DeMuth said.

BY KARA CASEY
& ERIKA CORDOVA



BUMP THE ball
SENIOR JULIE ROZANSKI BUMPS THE BALL DURING THE WARM-UP PRACTICE AGAINST CHESTERTON.

TEAMWORK
The volleyball team always huddles up before each game to review the gameplan. "The Girls worked well together as a team," Coach Shadowen said.



ZERO IN ON... JOANNA PETTY

Senior Joanna Petty has played volleyball since the 7th grade. She says she enjoys the sport so much because it's fun and because a lot of her friends play. "We improved throughout the year," she said. "We had a great season, we accomplished so much this year."



SET

TARA TRACZEK SETS THE BALL FOR ANOTHER PLAYER DURING THE WARM-UP PRACTICE. SHE WAS THE ONLY FRESHMAN ON THE VARSITY TEAM.



INTRODUCING

The Varsity Volleyball team always lines up on the serving line before the start of each game during player introductions. The team consisted of seven seniors, three juniors, a sophomore, and a freshman.





FEAR This

Curtis Bush takes a water break during the big game. Bush was one of the strongest and hardest working Trojans on the field. He led the team with 118 tackles and eight sacks.



All Smiles

Brandon Lesnewski, like a lot of his teammates, had a lot to be happy about. The Trojans finished the season with an 9-2 record. The team's only losses were suffered against Lowell, including a sectional semifinal overtime setback to the Red Devils.

ZERO IN ON...

MARTIN HAVENS



This was the real Superman, at least that's what you would think if you saw Martin Havens play. Havens ranked among the leaders in the area in both total yards and touchdowns. He carried the ball 209 times for 1,599 yards, with 24 touchdowns. He also set a school record with six touchdowns in a single game against Hammond.

REFUSED TO LOSE TO TROJANS

ANOTHER GREAT YEAR FOR THE TROJANS!

After a long summer of hard work and conditioning, the Trojans were ready to play football. They came out with their all, and it really paid off.

Team unity was just one of the many keys to the successful season. With so many returning seniors who have played together for so long, they bonded like a family.

Highland defeated Munster for the second straight year in the annual "Battle of the Bridge."

"I'm happy to be a part of this team and to have helped bring the Bridge back another year," Brett Smith said.

The season ended all too soon, however, with a heart-breaking overtime loss to Lowell.

"We'll always have the memories," senior Dan Jackson said.

BY JOHN PAULAUSKI
& JACLYN ADAMOSKI

ON TARGET

SENIOR CAPTAIN KEVIN BOYD looks down the field for one of his many receivers. Boyd passed for 1,493 yards this season at quarterback.

SIDELINE SUPPORT

The Trojan players look on as their teammates dominate the field, only losing two games at home on the Ken "Zip" Syput Memorial field in the past two seasons.



WHAT'S ALL THAT RAQUET?

BOYS' TENNIS TEAM REFUSES TO GO DOWN QUIETLY

The Highland Trojans embarked on a 16-5 season with only two returning seniors. The majority of the team was comprised of juniors, plus the addition of one starting freshman.

"We are a lot better, and more experienced," said Coach Jerry Mazur. "Six out of seven kids played as sophomores last year."

Even though they lacked senior leadership, the Trojans were determined to have a winning season. Finishing second in conference and winning the sectional was a huge accomplishment. The Trojans' three losses all came against Munster, however, many played the matches of their lives.

"The season was really successful and a lot of fun," senior Eric Perez said.

**BY KIM JENSEN &
KARA THOMPSON**



TAKING DIFFERENT STROKES

Junior Jimmy Miloshoff does what it takes to keep the ball in play. Miloshoff played No. 1 Doubles with Craig Kuchenburg this season.

LINGER GETS AGGRESSIVE

Junior Scott Linger prepares himself to attack the ball. Linger played a huge part of the varsity team at No. 1 Singles.



DANCING MACHINE

JUNIOR ERIC DAINTON DANCES TO GET THE BALL. DAINTON TEAMED WITH ERIC SLATTERY AT NO. 2 DOUBLES.



'TAKOS HITS IT HARD'

JUNIOR TOMMY TZANEIKOS GETS READY TO SMASH THE BALL AT HIS OPPONENT. TZANEIKOS MADE A HUGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE VARSITY TEAM THIS SEASON AT NO. 2 SINGLES.



ZERO IN ON...

Craig Kuechenberg

With many seniors moving on last season, senior Craig Kuechenberg had some pretty big shoes to fill. Regardless, Kuechenberg, along with Jimmy Miloshoff, combined to have a winning season at No. 1 Doubles.

"We had an outstanding season," he said. "We had a great record and we even won sectionals."

WE GOT GAME!

When the varsity girls' basketball team started off their season, they were hoping to go places--at least as far as last year's semistate team, or perhaps even to state.

But a first-round sectional loss to Gary West cut short a spectacular 19-2 season.

Still, it was a very special season.

"Every year is different, the chemistry is different in each group," Coach Chris Huppenthal said. "The chemistry develops in its own way. Each individual knows how to get the

job done."

The Trojans were led by senior Lindsey Chappel and junior Jenny DeMuth, who surpassed the single season and career scoring marks.

Highland returns next season with a strong contingent of players. The Trojans are coming back, striving to be the best, and achieving a championship. Watch for the Lady Trojans in the 2000-2001 season.

BY
KARA CASEY



Top Player

JUNIOR JENNY DEMUTH PASSES THE BALL INBOUNDS. SHE LED THE TROJANS IN SCORING, AND WAS RECOGNIZED STATE-WIDE FOR HER TALENT.

WATCHING AND WAITING

FRESHMEN JESSICA HAMMAN, JUNIOR BRYNN RICHARDSON, AND SOPHOMORES JEN CIESLAK AND ASHLEY CHAPPEL WATCH THE GAME FROM THE BENCH AND WAIT TO GET THEIR CHANCE IN THE GAME.





OUTTA MY WAY

FRESHMAN MARY SULIFF TRIES TO MANEUVER AROUND AN OPPONENT TO FREE HERSELF FOR AN OPEN SHOT.

SET IT UP!

FRESHMAN LYNDEE ARNOLD SETS UP FOR A PASS. PASSING AND TEAM PLAY IS ESSENTIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF ANY TEAM.



ZERO IN ON... LINDSEY CHAPPELL



This forward has been playing basketball since she was in 6th grade. She enjoys the sport tremendously.

"This year was different because I was a senior and there were only four players returning from last year," Chappell said.

Chappell's role models are her parents. "They support me completely," she said.

College, she says, is in her future where she plans to major in Criminology or Criminal Justice.



PEP TALK.

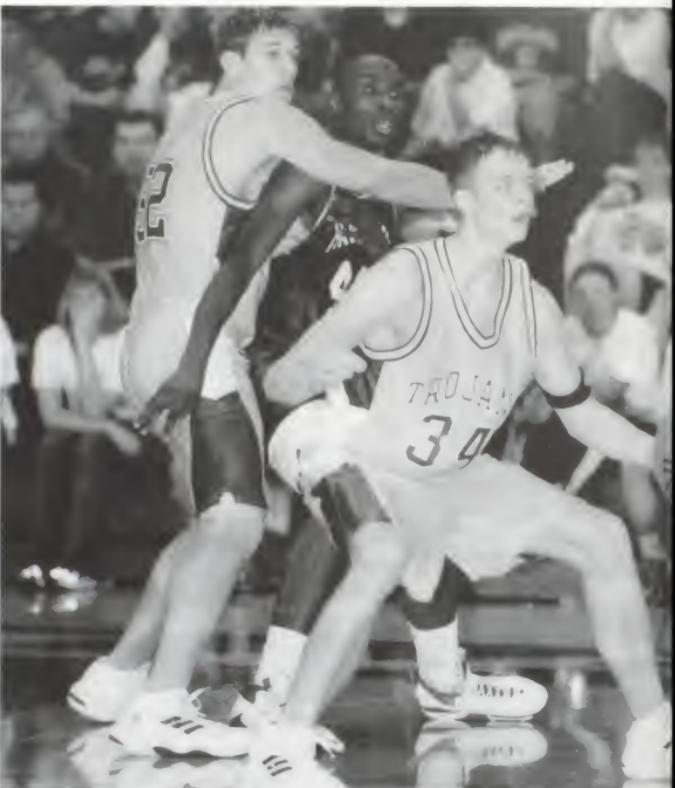
Coach Chris Huppenthal gives the girls a pep talk during a timeout. Coach Huppenthal has been the coach of the girls' team for five years.

DEFENSE, DEFENSE!

SENIORS ERIC BEARD AND BEN WALDRON DISPLAY GOOD DEFENSIVE PRESSURE. DEFENSE, OF COURSE, IS OFTEN THE DECIDING FACTOR IN MANY CLOSE GAMES.

Up, Up, and Away

SENIOR KEVIN BOYD MAKES HIS MOVE AND PUTS UP A BASELINE JUMPER IN THE OPENING ROUND OF THE SECTIONAL TOURNAMENT.



ZERO IN ON... KEVIN BOYD

This high school senior has accumulated numerous awards and honors over his athletic career. When it comes to basketball, Kevin Boyd – a solid three-sport star – simply added to his long list of achievements by being named First Team All-Conference.

Boyd, the team's leading scorer, is uncertain if basketball is in his future, but he says he has enjoyed his time on the team while in high school. This dominant player helped the Trojans to an outstanding 16-5 season.

Boyd plans to attend Joliet Junior College next fall.



AIRING IT OUT
SENIOR ERIC BEARD, AN ALL-CONFERENCE player, TAKES THE BALL STRONG TO THE BASKET.

TAKIN' IT TO NEW HEIGHTS

Being a member of the varsity boys' basketball team, no doubt, requires tremendous dedication. But Highland's high-energy team showed it had what it takes to be successful.

The addition of first-year varsity coach Mr. Bob Wade, added a fresh, new outlook to the program.

The results?

Well, Highland's senior-dominated team capped the season with a spectacular 16-5 record. The only disappointment came when the Trojans were knocked off in the opening round by sectional host East Chicago Central.

Even with the disappointment at sectionals, the guys gave their fans plenty to cheer about.

Earning First Team All-Conference honors were seniors Kevin Boyd and Eric Beard, while senior Jared Tauber and junior Scott Linger were honorable mention selections.

Seven of the team's 13 players will be gone next season because of graduation.

"We had a good season," Kevin Boyd said. "We played hard, and I thought we did very well."

BY
HEIDI ROBINSON



WATCH OUT
JUNIOR SCOTT LINGER, WITH A LOOK OF DETERMINATION, MAKES CERTAIN NO ONE GETS PAST HIM.

UNITY
THE VARSITY BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM GATHERS TOGETHER IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FLOOR TO GET PUMPED UP BEFORE THE BIG GAME.

SPLASHING AROUND

With two new assistant coaches and some top swimmers graduating last year, the varsity girls' swimming and diving team was fearful they wouldn't prosper. The season, though, turned out to be a great one.

The season started with some great wins and, in February, the girls went to Sectionals. The team had a lot more athletes swimming this year and won many of the races, but couldn't match Munster's depth and its ability to consistently score points for second and third places. Still, the girls finished just 70 points out the running for a sectional title, which was an improvement from past years.

In addition, the following six athletes advanced to state competition: Megan Zendian, Nikki Seidl, Kristin Kendzierski, Gina Gerenda, Sam Bokori, and Alexis Goolik.

The state meet had a bittersweet ending when the girls came in 20th place in the 200 Freestyle Relay.

"Nothing went wrong," Seidl said. "But physically, we weren't prepared for the competition."

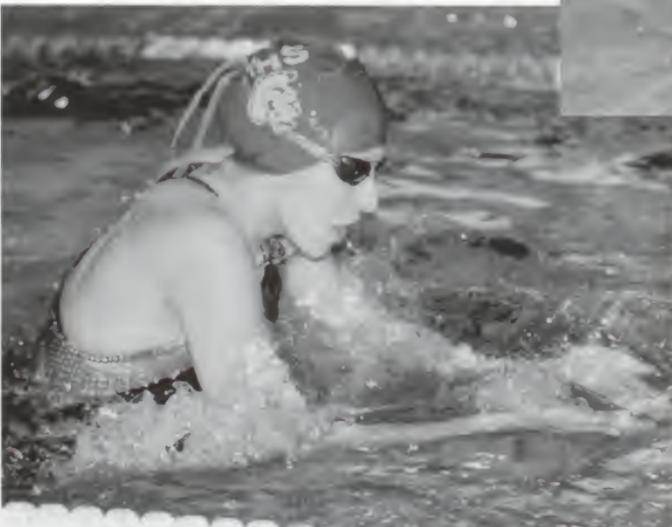
However, the girls were proud to have gotten as far as they did, and left the season feeling great.

BY
JULEE LOTTINO



HEELS OVER HEAD

Alexis Goolik MASTERS HER back dive before the next meet.



IN FIVE WORDS OR LESS

MEGAN ZENDIAN DOES BREASTSTROKE.



MADAME BUTTERFLY
JELANA GOBER SPEEDS TO THE FINISH LINE WHILE DOING THE BUTTERFLY STROKE.

UP FOR AIR
DANA LUYSER TAKES A BREATH DURING HER 200-YARD BREASTSTROKE RACE.



Ready, Steady, Go!
STACY PAPPAS WAITS FOR THE SIGNAL TO START HER RACE.

ZERO IN ON... SAMANTHA BOKORI

Swimming wasn't the only exciting thing going on in the pool this winter. Samantha Bokori initially joined the diving team to "give her something to do" after ending her 12 year-long tumbling career. Although it was her first year, Bokori had great success. She placed third at Highland's Invitational, and captured the top spot at the conference and sectional meets. Next, she placed 18th at the highly competitive regional meet to cap a highly successful season.



SWIM HARD OR GO HOME
SENIOR MIKE TOTHFALUSI SWIMS THE 50 BREAST IN THE 200 RELAY.

TEAM MANAGEMENT

COACH BRIAN TOWESON LOOKS ON AS HIS HIGHLAND SWIMMERS DO SOME LAPS.



ZERO IN ON... **BRIAN SEXTON**

In addition to having a lot of new and young swimmers on the team this year, there were also some older, but new faces on the varsity level this year as well.

Brian Sexton was just one of these upperclassmen who was new to this year's team. "I haven't really swam too much, but it sounded like fun, so I joined," he said.

"I felt that I did a good job for my first year. I was in several varsity meets and that was way more than I had expected," said Sexton, who competed primarily in the medley events in varsity meets.



FLOATING AROUND
PAUL ST. AUBYN AND MARCUS MAYER ENJOY A BREAK AFTER A DIFFICULT WORKOUT.

SWIMMING WITH A NEW STYLE

The Highland varsity boys' swimming team was hit hard by graduation, but the team had evidently reloaded with one of the largest freshmen turnouts in recent years.

The season started out somewhat slow, but it wasn't long before the team was competing at the high lever it's accustomed to.

"I thought we would do well all along, and we did," junior Chris Zacny said.

An excellent regular season led to an equally terrific post-season, claiming second place in the sectional championships.

Several members advanced

downstate, including co-MVP's Mike Bouvat and V.J. Damasius.

"I had a great year, and it could not have ended any better than it did," Bouvat said. "I am just very happy I did as well as I did my senior year."

While Bouvat excelled in the 100 freestyle, medley relay and 200 free relay, Damasius specialized in the 100 backstroke, 50 freestyle, medley relay and 200 freestyle relay.

Another big winner at state was senior diver Kevin Roche, who placed ninth in the diving competition.

**BY
ADAM ALLEN**



TAKING A DIVE
JUNIOR JON GARDOW ATTEMPTS A backwards 1 1/2 SOMERSAULT.

Fly Away
JUNIOR V.J. DAMASIUS TURNED IN SOME GREAT TIMES IN THE BUTTERFLY, AND IN THIS PARTICULAR MEET, IT WAS NO DIFFERENT.

HITTING THE MATS

Imagine you're sleeping. Then, suddenly, you're jolted from your peaceful slumber by the sound of an alarm clock telling you it's 5:15 a.m., meaning it's time for wrestling practice.

"It's hard work, but it's worth it," said senior Matt Jones of the team's regimen of practicing twice a day. "I love the feeling after a meet when you finally can eat any food you want."

Wrestlers have to be totally focused at all times. One slip up could cost you a win, or maybe even cause a serious injury.

"If I am not totally focused on what I am doing, I will not win,"

signed senior Curtis Bush. "Your mind is a big part of the way you are going to wrestle. It's not just physical, there is a lot of mental thought involved."

The Trojans placed third at the always tough Valparaiso Duals, and third at the Sectional championships.

Highland advanced six wrestlers to the regional level, four to semistate, and it had two state qualifiers – Bush and Tim Bierman, who placed eighth overall in his weight class.

**BY JACLYN ADAMOSKI &
JOHN PAULAUSKI**



OUT OF BREATH

SENIOR RUSSELL MESSMANN SITS DOWN FOR A BREATH AFTER FINISHING ONE OF HIS MATCHES.

I WANT TO HOLD YOUR HAND
Sophomore Chris Krakowiak displays his sportsmanship before the start of one of his matches.





READY TO POUNCE

JUNIOR RYAN ILIFF IS ON THE ATTACK, VYING FOR ANOTHER TAKEDOWN. SINCE ILIFF IS SUCH A SKILLED WRESTLER, HE CAN COUNTER ANY MOVE THROWN HIS WAY.

READY TO START

JUNIOR ADAM ANDERSON IS READY TO GET UP AND TRY AGAIN. NOBODY EXCEPT WRESTLERS QUITE UNDERSTAND THE PHYSICAL ENDURANCE THAT THIS GRUELING SPORT REQUIRES.



Uh...A Little Help?

JUNIOR ANDY DAVILLE GETS A LITTLE TLC FROM TRAINER MR. DOUG KEEN. WRESTLING CAUSES MANY INJURIES, BUT MOST ARE MINOR.

ZERO IN ON... CURTIS BUSH



Curtis Bush is a three-year varsity wrestler who has no fear. At 275 pounds, he's naturally very strong and agile. Bush has plenty of heart and does not know the meaning of "can't." He believes in hardwork and commitment is a great part of his success. He finished with a 36-6 record, was second at the prestigious Harvest Classic, and first at the Highland Sectional and Calumet regional. Bush's tournament journey also included semistate and state appearances.

FACE off

MATTHEW HAUGHEE WAITS FOR THE SIGNAL TO LEAD HIS TEAM TO A WINNING GOAL.

Straight linен' it

SENIOR O.J. KIRBY WAITS FOR THE PUCK TO HELP HIS TEAM TO VICTORY.



ZERO IN ON... TONY LANGNER

Senior Tony Langner has loved playing hockey. As for the future, he plans to attend Purdue Calumet where he will major in Biology, his favorite subject. Langner does not plan on pursuing hockey too much in the future, but he does plan on trying out for the St. John Junior team. Langner played regular hockey for five years and he has played ice hockey for Highland for three years. He said that the one thing he will never forget about his hockey days is the Danny Davies, Tomahawk joke. So as Langner is preparing for his future, he had one thing left to say about his hockey days at Highland ... "Wing men will fly again!"



Skatin' on thin ice
AS THE END OF THE GAME IS APPROACHING, GEORGE CAMPBELL MAKES HIS WAY AROUND THE ICE.

LAYIN' DOWN THE SLAP

The Highland Hockey Team, which competes at the St. John Ice Arena, consists primarily of students from Highland High School.

"We didn't start out all that great, but in time, we got better," senior O.J. Kirby said.

To many people, hockey may seem like an easy sport. After all, it's easy to hit a puck into a goal, right? Wrong, try again. There is a lot more involved in it. The players have to stay balanced, block people, and worry about whether or not they should pass, hold the puck, or take it to the goal themselves.

"Hockey isn't as easy as it looks," senior Tony Langner said. "Most people think that from the joy of watching the game, and not playing it."

Many of the hockey players have been

together for more than a year, while some are new to the team. Many long-lasting friendships have been established through competition.

"I play because of my best friend Greg Wojciechowski," senior George Campbell said. "He's definitely the coolest guy I know."

Hockey may be a little dangerous. Still, many players enjoy the excitement.

"Hockey has been awesome, and I'm looking forward to the upcoming years on the team," freshman Geoffrey Campbell said.

BY
NICOLE MELIANAC &
CHRISTIE TOMASZEWSKI



GROUP HUG
After scoring the winning goal, the Highland Hockey team congratulates each other with a big group hug.

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!
As the final buzzer sounds, the team celebrates a hard-fought victory.

SHOUT IT OUT!!!

No matter what the score is, either in good or in bad times, Highland High School's cheerleaders have what it takes to motivate the crowd.

Their enthusiastic attitude has lifted the spirits of their classmates during every game this school year. Their lively support has helped and encouraged Highland's athletes to try harder and to not give up.

The cheerleaders work very hard in practices every day

BY
ERIKA CORDOVA &
JOANNE KWASNY

throughout the two seasons. They give outstanding performances for the school's fans. With seniors Dana Moser, Lisa Wilson, and Dana Espinoza leading the squad, this year's team was unbelievable! They spent countless hours prepping the underclass members, and it has paid off.

"The girls all look really good together," said senior cheerleader Dana Espazona.

With all the competitions and sporting events, the cheerleaders were naturally very busy.



DOWN TIME

DANA ESPINOZA AND HER FELLOW CHEERLEADERS TAKE SOME DOWN TIME TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH A NEW CHEER DURING A QUARTER BREAK.

WORKING THE CROWD.

The girls work the crowd to keep the football players' spirits up. Through thick and thin these girls always stand by their men.





AT ATTENTION

Being a Cheerleader takes discipline. One false move and all eyes are on you! Uniformity is a must!

IN STEP

Staying in sync does not come naturally or just happen. It takes long hours of practice, practice, and more practice to get the timing just right.



ON TOP OF THE WORLD

NICOLE HALL, MARY KAHN, AND CORRIE JAYNE ARE ON TOP OF THE WORLD IN ONE OF THE MANY DARING AND DANGEROUS LIFTS THE CHEERLEADERS DO.

ZERO IN ON... DANA MOSER

When you think of dedication, what comes to mind? Hard work ethic, determination, and stamina? Of course! Those are the qualities which senior Dana Moser has exhibited. The varsity cheerleading captain has worked the crowds since her freshman year. She's shown tireless effort from the beginning, and she hasn't slowed down since. Moser is basically the cheerleaders' backbone, helping them continue their winning tradition. She's definitely going places with her talent, and that's why she deserves to be in the spotlight!



IN THE MOMENT

SENIOR CAPTAIN NICOLE BREGER GIVES THE CROWD HER BIGGEST SMILE AS SHE PERFORMS DURING A BASKETBALL GAME. "PERFORMING GIVES ME SUCH A RUSH!" BREGER SAYS.

PEP TALK

COACH MRS. BARBARA KEPCHAR GIVES THE GIRLS SOME ENCOURAGING WORDS BEFORE THEY PERFORM AT HIGHLAND'S TAILGATE PARTY. THE DANCE TEAM IS BUSY ALL THROUGH FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL SEASON, KEEPING THE SPIRIT ALIVE!



ZERO IN ON... STEPHANIE WALASZEK

The Danz Team could not be as good as it is without the help of a few key members. One of these members is Stephanie Walaszek, who is one of three team captains. Walaszek has been dancing since age three, and attends dance classes and conventions, and also has earned several national dance awards. She helped to choreograph this year's dance to "Crazy." With all of her accomplishments, Highland High is proud to have her in the spotlight.

BY JOANNE KWASNY



Rolling by
THE DANCE TEAM PASSES THROUGH THE STREETS OF HIGHLAND IN THEIR FANCY, BLUE, VELVET OUTFITS.

DANCING MACHINES!

The buzzer sounds, players rush to their locker rooms, it's halftime, but the crowd remains seated and a hush falls over them.

This could only mean one thing, the Highland Danz Team is about to perform. A sea of blue velvet and gold sequins rush on to the court, and the crowd goes wild! The HHS Danz Team is better than ever and close to perfection. Headed by captains Kelly Buncek, Nicole Breger, and Stephanic Walaszek, the team finished a fantastic year together.

This year's team had many new members, with only three graduating seniors. But that didn't stop these

dancing machines! Bound together by team spirit and a love for dance, the team performed at all the girls and boys home basketball games, and at numerous competitions. The Danz Team placed third at the regional level, dancing to a Britney Spears remix, which qualified them for State Dance competition in Indianapolis. At state, the girls just proved they were worth all the excitement. It was a terrific year and they can only hope for the same enthusiasm and spirit next year!

**BY
STEPHANIE WALASZEK**



STEPPING OUT
THE GIRLS GET READY TO CHEER ON THE HOME TEAM TO VICTORY.

Bodies in Motion
THE DANZ TEAM COMES TOGETHER TO EXECUTE A GROUP MOVE. THE GIRLS PUT IN MANY HOURS OF HARD WORK AND DEDICATION FOR EACH DANCE THEY PERFORM.

Gone with

the wind

BY NICOLE MELJANAC

The varsity girls' track and field team worked very hard this season to do the best they could. With a lot of hard work and practice, they were able to accomplish their goals.

Many girls qualified for regionals, including Jelena Gober, Kristen Kendzierski, Sara Jones, Lauren Hallahan, and Alison Austin in the 3200-meter relay, as well as Lyndee Arnold in the high jump.

The girls worked extra hard as a team this year.

"We had a lot of potential and we worked well together as a team and as friends," freshman Heather Zuhl said.

The team was a winning team this year setting many records throughout the year.

"I think next year we'll definitely have a winning team," Coach Bernie Zemen said.

Good Times!

JOANNA LAMOTT AND ALISON AUSTIN STRETCH THEIR ARMS AND GET PSYCHED BEFORE THE MEET.

RUNNING TOGETHER



JUMPING HIGH

LYNDEE ARNOLD ATTEMPTS TO CLEAR THE BAR IN THE HIGH JUMP EVENT.

RUNNIN' HOME

SARA JONES SPRINTS AROUND THE TURN AND PREPARES TO HAND THE BATON TO HER TEAMMATE IN THE RELAY EVENT.



STRETCH IT!

HEATHER ZUHL AND LAURA DALEY STRETCH BEFORE THE START OF THE BIG MEET.



ZERO IN ON . . . AMY NIMETZ

Amy Nimetz is a freshman and is an athlete to watch over the next three years.

Track is a very time consuming and a strenuous sport to participate in, but Nimetz says she enjoys it.

"It was a lot of hard work but I thought it was all worth it in the end," she said. "I met and became friends with a lot of people, and better friends with the people I was already friends with."

"I'm really looking forward to next year," she said.



JUMP, JUMP

JUNIOR MIKE WILKINS SHOWS OFF HIS TECHNIQUE IN THE HIGH HURDLES EVENT. A GOOD, CLEAN START, SKILL, AND CONCENTRATION ARE THE KEYS IN THE HURDLES. WILKINS, OF COURSE, POSSESSES ALL OF THESE.

AGAINST THE WIND

JUNIOR MATT MIHALIK IS RUNNING AGAINST THE WIND, LOOKING FOR HIS NEAREST OPPONENT IN A HOPE TO MAINTAIN HIS LEAD IN THE RELAYS.



ZERO IN ON . . . GEORGE CAMPBELL

This year senior George Campbell has been an important part of the track team. The team MVP had many great accomplishments in the pole vault. Campbell has only been vaulting since his junior year, but he has enjoyed plenty of success.

"Even though I have only been pole vaulting for two years," he said, "I feel as though I have accomplished my goals, and done my best."



SOMEBODY,
GRAB MY BATON
FRESHMAN KYLE HAWKINS
ENJOYS A BIG LEAD IN THE
RELAY EVENT. SPEED AND A
GOOD BATON EXCHANGE
ARE KEYS IN THIS EVENT.



On your marks,
get set, GO!

BY KARA THOMPSON

This has been a great season for the Highland Trojans boys' track and field team. The boys have been very dedicated and determined to win. With daily practice after school and Saturday mornings, the team had a lot of conditioning

time to build up their endurance and speed. The boys' track team finished 6th overall in conference, and they had a few individuals move on to the re-

KEEPING ON TRACK

gional level. The Trojans featured George Campbell in the pole vault, Mike Wilkins and Ryan St. Antoine in the hurdles, Jon Gardow in the 400 meters, and John Capretti in the 3200 run.

"I feel we have accomplished most of our goals as a team," coach Tom Summers said.

RUN, CAPRETTI, RUN

JUNIOR JOHN CAPRETTI WAS A CONSISTENT PERFORMER IN ALL OF THE DISTANCE EVENTS.



Serving Up Team Spirit

BY JOANNE KWASNY

This year's varsity girls' tennis team did just that. Led by Coach Jennifer Zabrecky, team members have been showing their stuff and serving up a storm. This season started out a little rocky, but the girls pulled through by working as a team to have a really good season. The team's No. 1 double's team consisted of Jennifer Mc Farlane and Julie Canner who battled it out for the Trojan pride. The team's shining star, junior Suzy Deguilio, helped to lead the Lady Trojans to victory.

"I really feel that I learned a lot this year and made a lot of lifetime friends participating on the team," McFarlane said.

Even though the weather was really bad this year, and many games were postponed, the team's high spirits and winning personalities made everything worthwhile. With all the fun times the girl's tennis team had, they made many lasting memories.

A TEAM EFFORT

THE TENNIS TEAM TAKES A PAUSE IN THE ACTION TO TAKE A GROUP PHOTO. TEAM UNITY IS ALWAYS AN IMPORTANT PART OF SUCCESS.





GOING PRO

Julie Canner takes a swing at an oncoming tennis ball during a heated match.

WHACK ATTACK

SENIOR TENNIS PLAYER KRISTEN LABUDA RETURNS THE ball with a mean forehand.



REACH FOR IT

SENIOR Lindsey Urbanek displays the hustle it requires to get to the ball in time to make a scoring shot.

ZERO IN ON . . .

JEN MCFARLANE

Every team has players, but only a precious few will really stand out. This year McFarlane did just that. She has been playing tennis for years, and her hard work and dedication has really paid off. She plans to attend Ball State in the fall, but she isn't sure about continuing her tennis career. "I'm so nervous about college, but very excited too!" McFarlane said. With everything this girl is got going for her, we're sure to expect big things.



GOT ANY CHIPS?

JUNIOR ADAM ALLEN CHIPS THE BALL ON TO THE GREEN. ALLEN'S THIRD YEAR ON THE GOLF TEAM WAS BESET BY INJURIES, BUT HE STILL LED THE TEAM AS THEIR CAPTAIN.

KICKER HERE

SOPHOMORE JOSH WATKINS DRIVES THE BALL DOWN THE FAIRWAY. WADKINS LED THE TEAM THIS YEAR AS THEIR NUMBER ONE PLAYER.



ZERO IN ON . . .

BRIAN TOM

Sophomore Brian Tom stepped up and made a huge contribution in the varsity season. Tom has made tremendous improvements this year and has played exceptionally well. Josh Watkins and Tom have been playing in the No. 1 and 2 spots this year and have been dominating the area.

With a couple of years remaining for Tom to play golf at Highland, he is sure to be one of the top players in the state by the time he graduates.



Golfing Elvis-style
Sophomore Ben Porter
hits the ball from the
fairway to the green.
Porter made contribu-
tions to this year's
young varsity team.





A new Trojan generation

BY ADAM ALLEN &
KRISTEN PEACH

The Highland boys' golf team had many obstacles to overcome this season. After losing three seniors, the Trojans had to rebuild. This year the Trojans were led by junior captain Adam Allen and sophomores Josh Wadkins, Brian Tom, and Ben Porter. The team was also aided by

David Peterson,
Ross Oliver,
Dan Davies,
Andy Kincaid,
and Kyle
Hoogeveen.

"I don't remember ever having a team this young, but

I think when it's all said and done, they will be one of the greatest I have ever coached," coach Dan Richardson said. The Trojans placed third at the sectional and advanced to the regional tournament. "I can't wait to golf next season," junior Josh Watkins said.

JUST TAP IT IN

JUNIOR DAVE PETERSON LINES UP HIS PUT PERFECTLY. PETERSON HAD TO STEP UP THIS YEAR AND TAKE ON A VARSITY ROLE.



She is safe at the plate

BY ADAM ALLEN

With a squad of very few seniors this year on the Lady Trojan softball team, the juniors really had to step up to the occasion. To the surprise of many, several of the sophomores as well as freshman put themselves in the limelight. The biggest standout from the sophomore class was Jackie Renfrow. Renfrow had a tremendous year behind the plate at catcher, but she also had a fantastic season batting, leading the team in essentially every hitting category.

"I was pleasantly surprised with how well the season went for me and the team," Renfrow said. And on the freshman side, Tara Traczyk made a huge impact with her "golden glove" style play in the field.

Overall the Lady Trojans had a pretty good year with a lot of close games. They made a good run during sectionals, but a season-ending setback to Lowell prevented the team from advancing to the regional level.

BEST SEATS IN THE HOUSE

KIM JENSEN, ANGIE GULLICKSON, AND DEANNA BUSH look on as their teammates take care of Lake Station.

RUNNING FOR HOME



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STRIKE THREE

PROVING HERSELF TO BE ONE OF THE CONFERENCE'S PREMIER PITCHERS, SENIOR NICOLE SEIDL CHALKS UP ANOTHER STRIKEOUT.

HEY, BATTA BATTA

JUNIOR CHRISTINA THEOBALD STANDS READY FOR ANYTHING THAT COULD COME HER WAY.



SAFE!

JUNIOR DANA AMRHEIN DIVES BACK TO FIRST BASE DURING AN ATTEMPTED PICK OFF. BUT, OF COURSE, AMRHEIN IS SO QUICK THAT SHE MADE IT BACK IN PLENTY OF TIME.

ZERO IN ON . . .

KARA THOMPSON

Junior Kara "Fish" Thompson has made a huge contribution to the Lady Trojans this season in her fielding and her hitting. "I love playing centerfield," she said. "The most exciting thing to me is chasing after a fly ball in the outfield." Thompson made many great saves in the outfield this season.

She may not be very big, but she makes up for her lack of size by possessing blazing quickness and speed. She definitely played a vital role in the team's success.



Squatting for Balls

SENIOR MATT JONES WAS A VERY DEPENDABLE CATCHER. HIS STRONG ARM, TOO, PREVENTED VERY FEW RUNNERS FROM STEALING BASES.

Ready... Set... Pitch!

Varsity player Darrel Hacker displays the form which made him one of the team's top pitchers.



ZERO IN ON . . .

BRANDON NORRIS

Senior Brandon Norris has participated in baseball for the last four years, including the last two years on the varsity. Norris believes that his biggest accomplishment this year has been his added power which resulted in several home runs this year, and helping the team win Conference, and doing it with an undefeated record. He plans on attending Purdue Calumet after graduating this year and majoring in secondary education so that he can be a high school teacher.



Swinging Hard

BRIAN BATUR RIPS A SHOT DOWN THE RIGHT FIELD LINE.





Trojans win Conference title

BY CHRISTIE TOMASZEWSKI

The varsity boys' baseball team came a long way this year.

For starters, they went undefeated in the Lake Athletic Conference, being the first team to do so at Highland, and they came just one game shy of advancing to the state finals.

SLIDING INTO HOME

The Most Valuable Player was Kevin Boyd; the Best Mental Attitude was Matt Jones; and the Most Improved Player was Eric Murphy.

Highland's bid to reach the state finals was cut short when it lost, 6-5, in the regional final to Lake Central. But being true Trojans, they did not go down without a fight, putting a cap on a tremendous season.

USING THOSE MUSCLES

ERIC MURPHY TAKES A BIG CUT AT A PITCH, EVIDENTLY SWINGING FOR THE FENCE.



THE ATHLETES of TOMORROW, Today

There is a group of athletes at Highland High School who don't get much credit - the junior varsity athletes. People tend to overlook them because they don't get any headlines in the paper every weekend. They do, however, work just as hard at their respective sports. They put in the same amount of effort and hard work at their practices to improve their skills and to become better at their sport of choice. They are a vital

part of the team, and athletics at Highland High School would not be the same without them. Not only that, but many of the junior varsity athletes will be the varsity athletes next year. "I am glad to have had the opportunity to play junior varsity. Now, hopefully, I will be better prepared to play varsity next year," sophomore Brian Pennington said.

THE NEXT BEST THING

BY PAUL BUTLER

CONCENTRATION

THE JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM WAITS AS SOPHOMORE BUBBA MOSER PREPARES TO SHOOT A FREE THROW.



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TIME OUT

FRESHMAN SARAH KILLMER TAKES A BREAK TO GET A DRINK DURING HER SOCCER MATCH.

STRIDING TO VICTORY

FRESHMAN SHAWN FOX GIVES IT ALL HE'S GOT. CROSS COUNTRY REQUIRES A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF DEDICATION AND DESIRE.



Top Dogs

THESE JUNIOR VARSITY ATHLETES ARE INVOLVED IN MULTIPLE SPORTS, MAKING THEM AN IMPORTANT ADDITION TO HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS.



ZERO IN ON... .

...Brandon Siska

Talk about your well-rounded athlete, Brandon Siska plays football, basketball, and baseball.

"Even though it takes up a lot of my time, I like sports a lot so I play them all year," Siska said. He tries to make the most of his athletic ability. In addition to his athletic activities during the school year, he also plays basketball in the summer. He is an athlete that you should keep your eye on.



BASIC TRAINING

The people you meet in the halls, during class, at dances and games. People that change your life, for better or worse. One of the most important things high school teaches us is the importance of relationships – between friends and enemies, boyfriends and girlfriends.

Our BASIC TRAINING FOR RELATIONSHIPS.

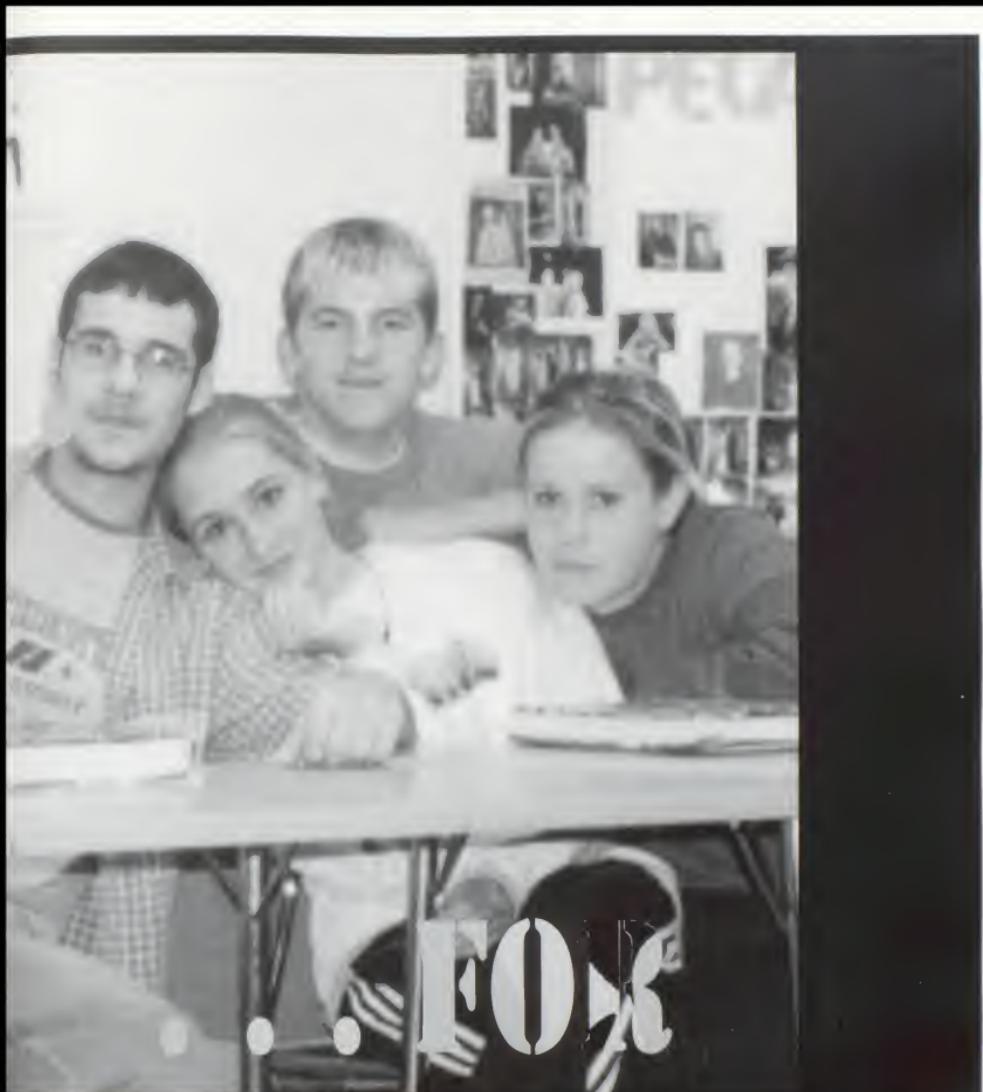
We learn to tolerate others who might be different from ourselves in ways visible only to the human eye. The barriers of language, race, and religion are broken down. Physical handicaps go unnoticed as those with them overcome their daily challenges.

Our BASIC TRAINING FOR TOLERANCE.

We celebrate as one the hard-fought victories and our tears mingle together in the crushing defeats. A sad face in the hall is met by hugs of strangers. Social events where people of different circles blend as one.

Our BASIC TRAINING FOR UNITY.





...FOR RELATIONSHIPS



Administration



Ms. Rebecca Elish
Director of Curriculum



Mr. Michael Boskovich
Director of Special Services

New recruits and orders make '99-'00 year unique

Ending last year with a national awareness of school violence and Mrs. Beth Coppenhaver leaving her position as the Director of Curriculum, the Administration was left with some major changes and decisions, all dealing with the well-being of the students.

Ms. Rebecca Elish was named our new Director of Curriculum and Instruction. It became her job to make sure the curriculum met the needs and provided special opportunities to students.

A series of codes and plans of action were put into the system for emergencies, including acts of violence and adverse weather conditions.

All in all, it was a busy year but a productive one.

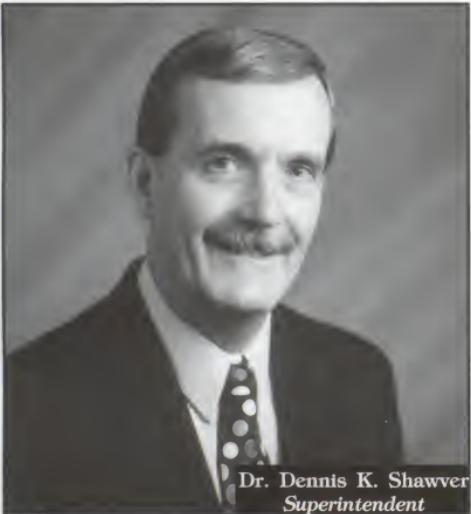
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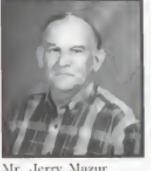
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Mr. Randall Lemon
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Mr. Bill Martin
English



Mr. Jerry Mazur
Science



Mr. Doug McCallister
Mathematics



Mrs. Cheryl Mertens
ISS Supervisor



Mr. Dan Miller
Social Studies



Ms. Shannon Mott
English



Mrs. Kathy Nowicki
Science



Mrs. Amy Ogrentz
Computer Supervisor



Mr. John Onoff
Physical Education



Mr. Doug Pearson
Industrial Tech



Ms. Jennifer Rash
German



Mrs. Brenda Richardson
Family Consumer



Mr. Dan Richardson
Science



Mrs. Karen Rieckhoff
Clerk Librarian



Mr. Anthony Rivera
English Link



Mr. Marc Ryser
Fine Arts



Mrs. Debbie Ryzewski
Physical Education



Ms. Natalie Shadownen
Social Studies



Mr. Hershel Talkington
Maintenance



Mr. Bill Thegze
Mathematics



Mr. Michael Urban
Family Consumer



Mr. Mike Wade
Physical Education



Ms. Pam Wilson
Physical Education



Mrs. Karen Zendian
Business

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Faculty & Staff

GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Each school year Highland High School has a few teachers that retire. The student body along with some teachers and staff grow close to each other and

feel sadness to think of their departure. These retired teachers will leave along with the seniors. However, they will be truly missed by everyone that knew

them. After many years of working with us, Mrs. Catherine Berg, an English teacher, and Mr. Jerry Hedges, our counselor, retired at the end of the year.

"Mrs. Berg teaches you more than literature and grammar, she teaches you about real life and what it takes to survive in the real world."

-Will Saroian



LEADER OF THE PACK

Mr. Hedges has been working at Highland for 34 years, not just as a counselor, but also as a coach and sports announcer. He has spent much of his time helping students prepare for their future.



FINAL DAYS

Mrs. Berg has devoted 30 years of teaching to help students in not only English, but in numerous life skill areas. She has also been the head of the National Honor Society for several years.





GIVING A HELPING HAND
WHEN IT COMES TO HELPING A STUDENT WITH HOMEWORK, MR. DEPTA HAS HIS PRIORITIES IN ORDER.



GETTING ORGANIZED

EVEN THOUGH IT WAS MS. MOTT'S FIRST YEAR, SHE HAS PROGRESSED FASTER THAN MANY NEW TEACHERS.

... And, IN WITH THE NEW

In the beginning of the school year classes begin with new students, courses, and, of course, some new teachers. And, just like students that need to get accustomed to new classes and new groups of friends, teachers need to get familiarized with the staff and the students they will be teaching. Some of the new teachers this year were Mr. Michael Depta, Ms. Shannon Mott, Mr. Tony Rivera, and Mrs. Lydia Shotts.

They must learn along with their students, how to be exemplary teachers that will help students gain valuable knowledge for their future.

"Mr. Depta is not only a good teacher, but he is also a cool person," David Sendejas said.

*By Erika Cordova &
Christie Tomaszewski*



Christie & Bob



Dave



Greg & Eric



Rachel

Relationships

love dating
enemies family friendships



Eric



Alexis



Nicole

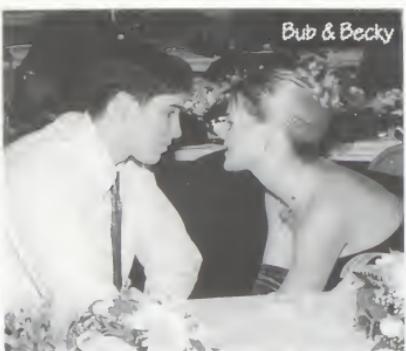


Becca & Brandi

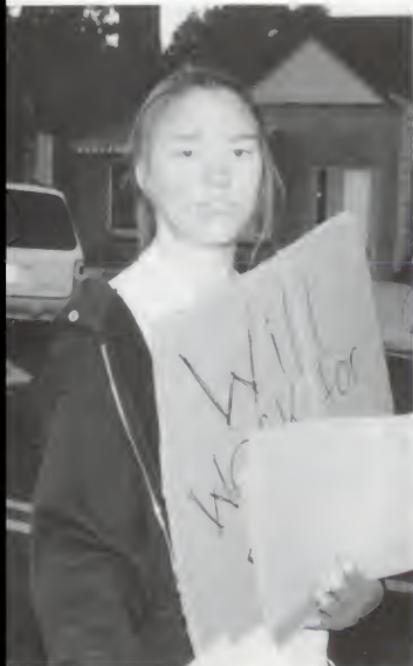
Rachel, Katie, Matt, & Martin



Bub & Becky



The Norris Fan Club



Erica & Maritza



Jen



Mr. Huber & his Lady Friend

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TOUGH GUYS

Don Glenn and Bryan Foster enjoy hanging out at one of the varsity football games.

"The most embarrassing thing that happened to me as a freshman is when I got hugged by the senior guys."

- **Alex Ross**

"The worst thing that happened to me this year is getting called dog by the Waldrons."

- **Mark Natelborg**

Barnes, Jonathon
Barney, Sarah
Barr, John
Berber, Tiffany
Bernardino, Brian
Bigott, Roberta
Bishop, Seth



Bland, Danielle
Bochnowski, Nicole
Bochm, Michael
Brack, Allison
Brown, Nicole
Bugajski, Aaron
Cable, Tracey



Caldron, Blanca
Carasco, Nataly
Carrier, Adam
Carstensen, Gary
Castillo, Christopher
Chloros, Michael
Cianci, Nicole



Cichon, Christopher
Cichy, Sarah
Clawer, Rebecca
Collins, Christopher
Cummins, Sarah
Curtis, Nathan
Daley, Laura



Abney, Theresa
Ahmoglu, Ogul



Allen, Andrea
Allen, Brandon



Allen, Joshua
Alumbaugh, Ashlee



Anteck, Keith
Antczak, Eric



Arias-Miller, Michelle
Arnold, Lyndee





Deboer, Sara
Demoff, Mallory



Dewier, Christopher
Dewier, Megan



Djuric, Natasha
Dobosz, Danielle



Donner, Margaret
Dora, Jonathan



Downing, Tracy
Ellis, Colleen

The New Kids on the Block

Getting drenched in the rain while waiting for the bus, being shoved out of your spot in the lunch line, and getting thrown into the walls by giant seniors are just some of the things freshmen students must endure because, well, they're freshmen.

Yet, through all of this, freshmen are hanging tough.

"This year was easier after I met all my great new friends," freshman Peter Huerter said.

Overcoming the nervousness and anxiety about being a freshman doesn't last long. Sophomore year is just around the corner.



GET FUNKY!
Lynsie Funkhouser shows her school spirit in the Homecoming Parade.



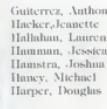
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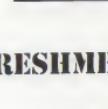
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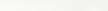
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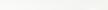
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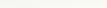
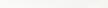
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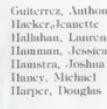
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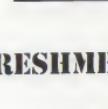
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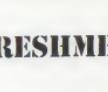
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Hamstra, Joshua
Hinney, Michael



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Heaton, Steven
Heeringa, Michelle
Hejmej, Daniel
Hendron, Courtney
Hiller, Matthew



Hodges, Lindsey
Hoogeveen, Kyle
Honick, Nichole
Howe, Bryanne
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Johansen, Christopher
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Kincaid, Michael
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Kollala, Lori
Kopischke, Adam
Kotynski, Julie



Kruz, Amy
Lewis, Amanda



Lewis, Erin
Lipa, Tiffany



Lituvec, Robert
Litern, Natalie



Livezic, Ella
Locke, Andrew



Loft, Christopher
Loft, Jeremy



SLEEPY TIME

Adriane Sell is ready in her pajamas for class nap time, a.k.a. lectures.

Uh-oh! The weekend has snuck up on you before you even knew it was Wednesday! What to do! What to do!

Take it to the movies! With all the movie theaters in our area, not to mention all the new movies always coming out, there's always something new to see! And, hey, you don't have to watch a movie once! Seeing your favorite new movies isn't that uncommon.

"My favorite movie was *The Sixth Sense*, because the kid was really awesome and the ending was unpredictable," freshman Andi Allen said.

Liechon, Brim
Lyich, Samantha
Malacina, Adam
Muncich, Anthony
Munus, Christopher
Marczewski, Timothy
Marlowe, Dunn

Murzilli, Anthony
Missy, Richard
McAuliffe, Kyle
McCarty, Matthew
Messmer, Christina
Mihalik, Daniel
Misner, Kristen

Moffitt, Aaron
Morrissey, Jennifer
Morrison, Stasha
Mroz, Danielle
Murphy, Kyle
Natalborg, Mark
Nelson, Keith

Newland, Nicholas
Ninett, Amy
Nolen, Lauren
Nowak, Joel
Nowak, Natalie
Okamoto, Gregory
Ooms, Jaime

Opolski, Heather
Orhan, Christopher

Pappas, Nathaniel
Peres, Joey

Perez, Christianne
Perrone, Jeffery

Perryman, Ryan
Peterson, David

Peterson, Neil
Plana, Xnomi



WHAT A LIFESAVER

SARAH BARNEY AND ALEX ROSS PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL SUPERSTARS COMPETITIONS AT HOMECOMING '99.

"My favorite thing to do on the weekend is just hang out with my friends, watch movies, and veg."

- Amy Ninett

"My favorite thing to do on the weekend is to go horseback riding and spend time with Dee."

- Billy Farrenkopf

FRESHMEN

FRESHMEN



Girls just want to have fun

These four familiar freshmen are enjoying the first homecoming of their high school careers.

"I think the best band is *Blink 182*."

- **Mike Chloros**

"The best concert I've been to had to be *Metallica*."

- **Chris Orban**

Pilkulin, Lindsay
Pokropinski, Amber

Popovich, Kevin
Popovich, Mark

Pantillo, Charles
Qisrani, Tariq

Reed, Jalic
Reed, Rachael

Reed, Stephanie
Reed, Amber

Reyes, Mindy
Reyes, Misty
Rios, Yasmin
Rolland, Matthew
Roue, Matthew
Ross, Alex
Ruiz, Aliciavidal



Sheeringa, Janina
Schinal, Joel
Schocke, Mark
Schrementi, Gino
Seitzinger, Michelle
Seliger, Michael
Sell, Adriane



Shoemaker, Andria
Shoemaker, William
Shurlow, Katie
Simon, David
Sivak, Jessica
Skucarski, Cora
Skucarski, Jennifer



Smart, Christina
Smith, Aaron
Smith, Allen
Smith, Sean
Snyder, Amanda
Sobota, Jacob
Sostaric, Stephen





Stumler, Megan
Stanko, Gina



Stankovich, Joseph
Sivers, John



Strazzante, Michael
Sullivan, Brett



Sunliff, Mary
Svetanoff, Wendy



Swinconick, Danielle
Swinford, Sarah



Synitik, Michael
Szydlowski, Edward



Taylor, Heather
Theobald, Kevin



Thompson, David
Timko, Laura



Tomern, Brittney
Tomeczak, Laura



Toppo, Brian
Toren, Jaime



Torrecilla, Brooke
Towasnick, Lauren



Tracyzky, Tara
Tsillis, Matthew



What's the Frequency?

Peace and quiet; this is homework time. Boring time. And what's the best way to keep you truckin' along through that mountain of paper you've been assigned this evening? Give up? No-MUSIC! The radio, CD's, Cassettes. Hey, maybe even records.

Now, there's three major radio stations that we Highlanders may listen to...Q101, B96, or The Mix.

Whatever type of music you prefer, it can certainly help get you through a long night of homework, or at least make it more enjoyable.



Plotting His NEXT MOVE
Matt Winston pauses for a moment to decide what to do next at one of the many overtime dances.



Wozny, James
Yukonis, Matthew
Zatorski, Adam
Zenner, Laura
Zahl, Heather



Taking Five

Kyle McCambridge takes a moment to study his lines during practice for the winter play.



QUIT YOUR WHINING
ADAM CARRIER AND KYLE HAWKINS SEEM TO THINK THAT THE MANDATORY SWIM CLASS IS DIFFICULT.

FRESHMEN BONDING

FRESHMEN GET TOGETHER TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT. FOOTBALL GAMES ARE EXCELLENT PLACES FOR STUDENTS TO GET TOGETHER, MEET PEOPLE, AND HAVE FUN.





Heads Up

Joel Schmid gets ready to toss a ring in hopes of leading the Freshmen Class to victory at the annual Superstars competition. In this event the object was to get the ring through a hula hoop in a certain amount of time.



By Becca
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Tough Break

Josh Hamstra stops to show off his battle wounds he received while snowboarding over Christmas Break.

Cheesin' it up

Some of the freshmen members of the Danz Team and the cheerleading squad stop to take a group photo at the Homecoming bonfire. The bonfire is an event that wraps up the Homecoming parade.

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CHEERING ON THE TEAM

The Sophomore cheerleaders participate in the Homecoming parade. The Sophomore cheerleaders include: Leslie Sanders, Corrine Jayne, Nicole Hall, Amy Thomas and Stefanie Bowen.

"Being a student ambassador in Australia, was the best time of my life!"

-Jenny Anderson

"During volleyball, I made a lot of friends and memories that will last me a lifetime."

-Jen "Cheese" Cieslak

Banister, Kara
Barrell, Jessica
Bartlett, William
Baxter, Rebecca
Belli, Anthony
Biancardi, Justin
Blahnik, David



Block, Daniel
Bowen, Stefanie
Brown, Kristy
Brown, Scott
Bush, Bruce
Bush, Deanna
Cable, Matthew



Carrasco, Dianne
Casey, Jim
Cashen, Emma
Certa, Dominic
Chappell, Ashley
Chavez, Vanessa
Childers, Shawn



Christophersen, Jon
Cieslak, Jennifer
Cieslak, Michael
Cizon, Rhianon
Conn, Cheryl
Conway, Adam
Cooke, Zachary



Albrecht, Timothy
Alumbaugh, Jason



Anderson, Jennifer
Andreec, Brian



Ashley, Emilie
Atchison, Christine



Augustyniak, Diana
Austin, Alison



Bader, Nicole
Ball, Jillian



Growing Up

Finally, the time has come! We, the Class of 2002, are beginning to grow up and move on. We no longer will be shoved in lockers and pushed in the halls. We are sophomores now and our first year is over.

But being a sophomore is not all it's cracked up to be. After losing the thrill of being in a new environment, we are left with the same old routine. The new exciting freshman experiences are gone forever and the joy of being an upperclassman is just around the corner.

Be proud to be a sophomore, because it's one of the best times of our life.



Will that be two burgers to go?
Stephanie Wanicki is prepared to take your order, dressed as a waitress from the 50's at the Homecoming Parade.

Drake, Daniel
Drake, Kimberly
Ericks, Rachel
Euler, Karla
Evans, Stephanie
Filler, Sarah
Fisher, Eric

Foust, Sheri
Frantz, Robert
Frederick, Angela
Gausey, Ashlee
Galich, Jane
Gatlin, Victoria
Gavranic, Chris

Gehrls, Bryce
Gergely, Andrea
Gilmore, Bryan
Giordano, Andrew
Gorczyca, Frank
Gorham, Tiffany
Greene, Megan

Griner, Patricia
Gubas, Shane
Hall, Nicole
Handsoot, Margaret
Hardy, Ronald
Harris, Melody
Husler, Matthew

Hanhee, Matthew
Heintzman, Thomas
Hendrickson, Kelly
Hentig, Mark
Herrick, Natalie
Hertz, Rivian
Hillier, George



Hinshaw, Benny
Hockstra, Rich
Holland, Renee
Huber, Jennifer
Huizinga, Karen
Hulen, Matthew
Huntryager, James



Isa, Mysoon
Ispas, Adam
Jachim, Rachel
Jacobs, Brian
Jayne, Corrine
Jelski, Karen
Jenkins, Traci



Johnson, Bernice
Johnson, Brooke
Jones, Kyle
Jusko, Lori
Kane, Nicholas
Katopodis, Panos
Kincaid, Andrew



Back To The Future

Being almost half way done with high school, it's certain that the Sophomore Class will have some important decisions to make.

Now is the time to start thinking about what the future might hold.

Deciding whether or not to attend college or get a job is something the Class of 2002 must seriously consider.

No matter what you decide to do after high school, life in the real world is not that far away. The "easy life" is quickly coming to an end, so it's best to prepare yourself for the future now.



School Spirit

Jessica Klapak and Megan Schelinski dress up as cheerleaders to show their school spirit during Spirit Week.

Kirinch, Ashley
Klapuk, Jessica



Klein, Jessica
Kobli, Natalie



Kolodziej, Erin
Kukowski, Christopher



Kraly, Stephanie
Kambourianos, Mosheula



Kristy, Heather
Kwasny, Toni





Laferriere, Jason
Lamont, Joanna
Langlois, Richard
Lariviere, Heather
Levy, Matthew
Lewis, Robert
Lewis, Ryan



Liston, Molly
Little, Emily
Lubarski, David
Lyon, Veronica
Martinetelli, Anthony
Martinez, Carrie
Mastandrea, Emil



Maves, Maureen
Mayer, Marcus
Mazur, Michelle
McAvoy, James
McGlashan, Adam
McKnight, Greg
McMahon, Katie



Meeader, Briana
Michael, James
Michalewicz, David
Miller, Brian
Miller, Todd
Mirowski, Edwin
Moran, Lisa



Morgan, Bonnie
Moser, Dwight



Moynihan, Daniel
Munisic, Samantha



Pantaleo, Amy
Pappas, Stacy



Payne, Jessica
Pcma, Megan



Penk, Lisa
Puntington, Brian



TEAM SUPPORT

Brian Miller applauds from the sidelines during a varsity football game earlier this season. Miller was sidelined the entire season with an injury.

"The best was when J.P. and Bub had a clogging contest and G-Money came in and tore it up."

-Josh Drake

"My worst memory was when we lost to Lowell in the sectional. I'll never forget that!"

-Brian Tom

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SOPHOMORES



DANCING FOOL

Sophomore Jaime Rivas dances the night away at one of the popular Overtime dances. Rivas is known around the school as a dancing fool.

"The best part of sophomore year was meeting the new freshmen."

-Christina Yamuzzi

"I'll never forget when we lost to LC in the soccer Regionals."

-Shawn Tuskan

Regnier, Jessica
Renfrow, Jaclyn
Reyes, Jason
Rivas, Jaime
Rivera, Adrienne
Rutz, Jessica
Salinas, Adam



Segal, Paul
Seiner, Joanna
Shelton, Laura
Shive, Charles
Sietzma, Benjamin
Simkus, Tina
Singleton, Jessica

Perez, David
Perryman, Megan

Peterson, Stephanie
Pistilli, Danielle

Plesha, Stephen
Pionczynski, Erik

Pomonis, Ashley
Porter, Benjamin

Pry, Steven
Rassel, Jonathan

Sisk, Brandon
Sjogquist, Lisa
Sjogquist, Michelle
Slifer, Marco
Smith, Alycia
Smith, Jamie
Smith, Joshua



Smith, Nicholas
Spataro, Dianne



St.Aubyn, Paul
St. Claire, Carly



Stanley, Jason
Stirling, Almee



Stooksbury, Michael
Strader, Stephen



Strzelinski, Ryan
Summerlott, Jason

Top of the Class

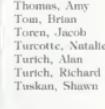
To have a great Class, you must have great leaders.

The Class of 2002 had four hard-working individuals leading the way - President Jackie Renfrow, Vice President Megan Greene, Treasurer Diane Spataro, and Secretary Amy Thomas. With the help of fellow classmates, these four raised more than \$1000 with cookie dough sales and made extra cash with an Overtime dance. Also, the Class of 2002 took top honors at the Homecoming parade with its 1950's float.



HEY MARGE!

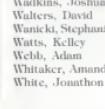
Sophomore Jackie Renfrow shows that she knows how to have fun. Renfrow is not only at the top of her class academically, she is also the president.



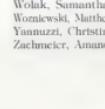
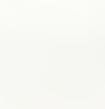
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Torn, Brian



Torre, Jacob
Turcotte, Natalie



Turcich, Alan
Tuskan, Shawn



Ulman, Martha
Valle, Daniel

Follow the Leader
Sophomore Adrienne Rivera demonstrates her leadership on and off the soccer field.



School Lunch Shines
Sophomores Bubba Moser, Adam Ispas, and Will Thomas enjoy a nutritious lunch while sharing laughs.



Strike a Pose
An excited group of sophomore girls stop to pose for a picture at the Homecoming dance. There are still many more dances to come for these girls.



ON YOUR FEET

SOPHOMORES EXCITEDLY CHEER ON THEIR CLASSMATES DURING THE SUPERSTARS COMPETITION.

All Wrapped Up

SOPHOMORES NATALIE TURCOTTE AND JUSTIN DELRIO WRAP THINGS UP IN THE MUMMY WRAP AT THE ANNUAL SUPERSTARS COMPETITION.



Designed by:
Adam Allen

Layouts by:
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Kim Jensen

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SAY CHEESE

THESE SOPHOMORES TAKE A BREAK FROM DANCING TO SMILE FOR THE CAMERA. OVERTIME DANCES WERE POPULAR FOR THE CLASS OF 2002.

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Double Trouble

JUNIORS BECKY AND RACHEL DROLEN ARE NOT ONLY TWINKIES BUT TWIN SISTERS, TOO!

"I love spending time with my big booty friend, Jr."
Karime Figueroa

"Everyone seems to get along better, now that we're upperclassmen."
Jaclyn Puntillo

Aeros, Mandi
Adams, Tina



Adler, Daniel
Alicca, Adam



Allan, Patrick
Allen, Adam



Amrhein, Dana
Anagnos, Perry



Anand, Sunjay
Anderson, Adam



Antonic, Jason
Arnold, Stacy
Avallone, Dominic
Bach, Rebecca
Baker, Crystal
Batur, Brian
Beams, Brandy



Beard, Bryan
Benson, David
Bewley, David
Bierman, Timothy
Bishop, Christina
Bishop, Isaiah
Bodley, Jeanine



Borowicz, Laura
Bunchek, Kelly
Casey, Kari
Cash, Amanda
Cavouras, Maria
Cole, Margaret
Collas, Meredith



Condes, Courtney
Cooper, Jason
Cortright, Catherine
Crist, Tiffany
Crook, Crystal
Dainton, Eric
Daley, Jennifer





Dumastas, Vyto
Duville, Andrew



Dearmond, Michael
Debeld, Christopher



Dechner, Keri
Deming, Brian



DeGutlio, Suzanne
DeMuth, Christopher



DeMuth, Jennifer
Derosa, Kara

The Bank's Open

*Juniors work hard
for the money*

by Christie Tomaszewski

The Junior Class was tight on money at the beginning of the year. When they finally found out how much they were in debt, they decided to start working harder at raising money for things such as graduation, Prom, senior pictures, dances, senior T-shirts, and anything else where extra funds were desperately needed. During the months of November through March, the Junior Class made preparations for one of the highlights of the school year, the 2000 Prom, which was held for the first time at the Merrillville Radisson Hotel.



TWO TIMIN'
Ralph Kokor is pimpin' it with Jill Henson and Brandy Beams on each one of his arms.



Dills, Anthony
Diosi, Barbara
Dmitrovich, Michael
Doc, Robin
Doppler, Jeff
Doring, Heidi
Drolen, Rachel



Drolen, Rebecca
Dvorak, Amy
Dvorscak, John
Dykstra, Kristin
Eckrich, Amanda
Ellis, Andrea
Evans, Tracee



Fairman, Sandra
Feinberg, Stacy
Feltier, Sarah
Fieldhouse, Dale
Figley, Kathryn
Figurota, Karine
Pistrowich, Amy



Forgarty, Charles
Fraze, Margaret
Gacy, Adam
Gulther, Jordan
Gurcia, Nichole
Gurdow, Jonathan
Geary, Heather

Gericunda, Gina
Gergely, Angela
Gerstner, Casandra
Gonzalez, Lemmette
Goodman, Jessie
Goodek, Alexis
Gray, Kristin



Gresser, Brandi
Griffiths, Amber
Guinn, Jeffrey
Gullikson, Angela
Hacker, Durrell
Haeney, Brandon
Hallahan, Adam



Hampshire, Anna
Han, Peter
Hauer, Wayne
Helmer, Katherine
Henning, Crystal
Henson, Jill
Hines, Scott



Horsley, Erica
Huber, Jacob
Hudson, Leslie
Huizinga, Michelle
Huff, Ryan
Jackomis, Sarah
Jensen, Kimberly



The Big 2000 Where's the Y2K?

Bringing in the millennium was awesome; however, it wasn't like anything those experts had predicted.

Many people believed that the transition to the year 2000 would cause a world-wide computer problem resulting in the failure of many operating systems, including the essentials, like water, gas, and electricity.

Fortunately, there weren't any problems, and life progressed as normally as any other day.

Many students, like so much of the rest of the nation, enjoyed this momentous occasion.

by Christie Tomaszewski



Chewing History

Staci Stanko is totally absorbed in the history discussion. She is joined by classmates Katherine Helmer, Becky Lowry and Sharifa Rahmany.

Johnson, Brandy
Joseph, Amber



Joy, Amanda
Kaczmarek, Corrie



Kahn, Mary
Karpince, Jennifer



Kawecik, Janelle
Kekeis, Jason



Kelly, Ryan
Knedzierski, Kristen





Kerr, Patrick
Kiest, Robert
Kirincic, Amanda
Kitchen, Melissa
Knuth, Adam
Kokot, Ralph
Koleno, Steven



Kroll, Nichole
Krueck, Steffeni
Kunzel, Gregory
Kunz, Jessica



Linville, Scott
Liston, Mark



Manning, Mary
Manno, Kevin
Martinez, Salvador
McCambridge, Sean
Landwehr, Steven
Landy, Jeffrey
Mann, Joseph



JUNIORS

McCarty, Mason
McConathy, Patrick

McCullough, Michael
McKinney, Jessica

LAUGHING IT UP

THERE IS NOTHING MORE COMFORTING THAN A BUNCH OF YOUR OWN FRIENDS FROM THE JUNIOR CLASS, JUST HANGING OUT AND LAUGHING TOGETHER ABOUT NOTHING.

"I don't know?"

Sharifa Rhamany



Meadows, Heather
Meljanac, Nicole

"Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Rule!"

Chris DeMuth



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CAUGHT IN THE CROWD

DAVE PETERSON, ERIC SLATTERY AND JOHN METZGER JUST HAPPENED TO BE PASSING BY AT THE FOOTBALL GAME, AND GOT CAUGHT IN THE CROWD.

"I like all the dances, especially Turnabout and the after-party at Cow's house."

-Amanda Cash

"I love to eat tacos and beans at my pal Cisco's house."

- Ralph Kokot

Morgan, Kelly
Moss, Steven
Mucha, Patrick
Neidow, Scott
Nelson, Mathew
Novak, Karen
O'Hara, Timothy



Orban, Neil
Oros, Kimberly
Pappas, Thomas
Patel, Dhara
Peach, Kristin
Pedroza, Rolando
Penk, Michael



Pete, Amy
Peterson, Dana
Peterson, David
Pleasant, Virginia
Powell, Michael
Puntillo, Jaclyn
Rahmany, Sharifa



Randall, Jonathon
Reba, Clifton
Rebey, Holly
Richardson, Brynn
Rios, Giselle
Robbins, Erik
Robinson, Heidi



Metzger, John
Metzger, Natalie



Michael, David
Mihalik, Matthew



Mikitch, Bryan
Miloshoff, James



Misirly, Brian
Morales, Alicia



Morales, Lauren
Morelli, Jacob



Who Cares?

Juniors have their "own" style

You'd think that people would care more when they get older about the way they act and dress, but the opposite is true for the Junior Class.

As a freshman and sophomore, you try so hard to fit in, but times change and you're forced to start over again.

But once you become an upperclassman, at least with this year's Junior Class, few students care about keeping up with the latest styles and trends. Instead, many seek a more comfortable look and are bound and determined to simply be themselves.



EASTER BUNNY

LAUREN MORALES is helping JOHN CAPRETTI practice being the EASTER BUNNY this year.



Rodgers, Jesse
Ronschke, Michael



Rounbos, Alison
Rudd, Edward



Ryan, Kevin
Ryder, Martin



Salinas, Alex
Sarofan, William



Sussman, Michael
Schu, Peter



Seitzinger, Brian
Scremet, Matthew
Sexton, Brian
Snidler, Amanda
Shomaker, Therese
Shreffler, Kathryn
Singleton, Julie



Slattery, Eric
Smigla, Carrie
Smith, Kevin
Smith, Rachel
Smolar, Jordian
Sobota, Erin
Sparks, April



Stec, Michael
Sweeney, Matthew
Szylkowski, Eddie
Tamposukas, Nicole
Theobald, Christina
Thompson, Kara
Todorovic, Stevan



Tomaszewski, Christie
Tomko, Kevin
Toppel, Ronald
Truxel, Grant
Tuck, April
Turci, Jeffrey
Zancletatos, Thomas

Van Lutinham, Sara
Varnum, David
Villareal, Andrea
Wagoner, Shana
Wasko, Jessica
Welch, Wesley

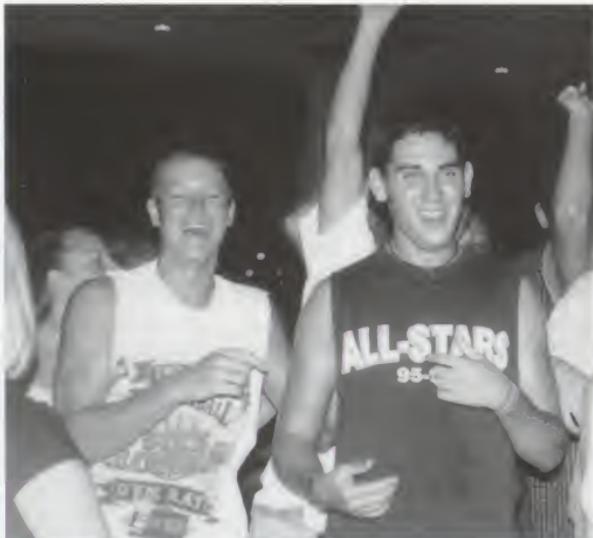


Wilkins, Michael
Williams, April
Williams, Jacqueline



Zuit Suit Riot

KARIME FIGUEROA,
WILLIAM PINA,
GISELE RIOS, EDDIE
SZYDLOWSKI, AND
ALICIA MORALES
JUST LEFT FROM
DANCING AT A
QUINCEANERA TO
TAKE THE PICTURE.



Jump Around

SCOTT LINGER AND
WILL SOROAN ARE
HAVING A GREAT
TIME AT AN
OVERTIME DANCE
WHILE THE MUSIC IS
PLAYING.



Rollin', Rollin', Rollin'
Juniors Tina Adams and Jennie Karpovic
are rolling in the cheese wagon to the
Hamond Career Center.

KEEP SMILING

JUNIORS, COURTNEY CONDES, TRACEE
EVANS, AND LAURA BOROWEIC ARE
LAUGHING WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT ALL
THE FUNNY THINGS THEY DID EARLIER IN
THE YEAR.



Wilson, Kyle
Wojkovich, Jennifer
Woodall, Christopher
Worries, Paula
Zacny, Christopher
Zahorsky, Joseph



Zdonek, Aaron
Zurawski, Lisa



SCARY DATE
Julie Singleton is
all dressed up to
go to a Halloween
party.



THE NEIDOW CLAN

Scott Neidow has a group of his Junior Class buddies that like to have fun and hang out whenever possible.

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Picture perfect

Megan Zendian and Jackie Negovetich have a great night at their very last Superstar competition. Some seniors have participated in the competition all four years, and they will miss it.

The best year of your life, yet

the biggest decisions you've had to make.

The most fun you've had,

yet the hardest work you've done.

The moment you've waited forever for, yet

the wait that went too fast

- - but you made it - -

through grades and rumors,

through sports and friends,

rules and parties

the good times and bad.

The things you've learned from, and

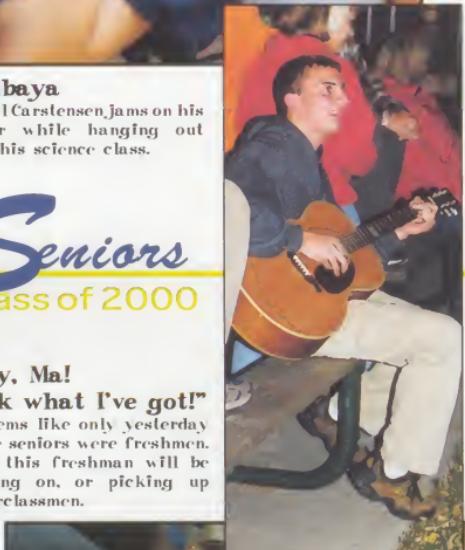
the things you'll never forget - -

- - all of which makes you a

part of what you are - - the

Senior Class of 2000

By Erika Cordova,
Amy Dearak, &
Stephanie Walaszek



Kumbaya

Darryl Carstensen jams on his guitar while hanging out with his science class.

Seniors Class of 2000

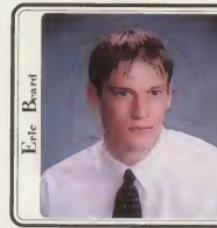
"Hey, Ma!

Look what I've got!"

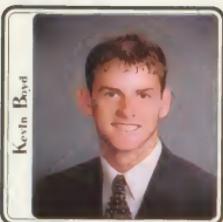
It seems like only yesterday these seniors were freshmen. Soon this freshman will be picking on, or picking up underclassmen.



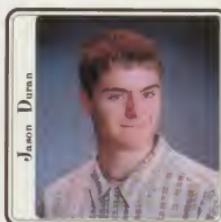
Jaclyn Adamowski

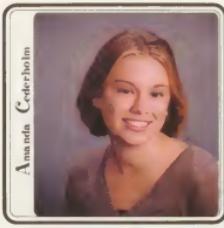


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Seniors





Class of 2000



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Survey Says [Girls]

1. Most Likely to Succeed

Mary Ullman
2. Class Clown

Lindsay Stanfel



Jeremy Fenno

3. Best Dressed

Stephanie Walaszek

4. Best Dancer

Courtney Margraf



Michelle Vincent

5. Best Smile

Jennifer McFarlane

6. Top Athlete

Lindsey Chappell



Kenneth Forethe

7. Most School Spirit

Rachel Murphy

8. Friendliest

Katie Johnson

9. Most Unique Laugh

Yvonne Szklarz

10. Likely to be Famous

Kerry Hall



Lynette Franko



Elizabeth Glines



Jennifer Colber



Amber Gold



Brandon Gold



Kerry Hall



Kristin Ham



Sara Hartfiel



Thomas Haselberger



Dawn Herman



Mark Hernandez



Heather Herrin

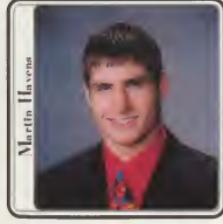


Sarah Hinman

- Most Likely to Succeed
Mike Tothfalus
- Class Clown
Micheal Bouvat
- Best Dressed
Tony Reyes
- Best Dancer
Brandon Maynard

- Best Smile
Matt Jones
- Top Athlete
Martin Havens
- Most School Spirit
Brandon Norris Fan Club
- Friendliest
Jason Bonin
- Most Unique Laugh
John Paul Simkus
- Likely to be Famous
Greg Nickula

SURVEY SAYS (Buys)





Thomas Jelks



Teri Jenkins



Jonathan Johnson



Jonathan Johnson



Angelia Kerne



Nicole Kerman



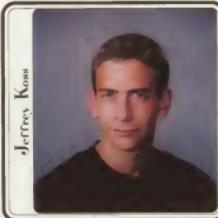
Miranda Kosier



Laurie Killmer



Kristen Kolodziej



Jeffrey Koss



Daniel Kreis



Lauren Krambousnos



Kristen LaRue



Jason Liedtig



Theodore Hatch



Amy Lambert

Best Places to eat

1. Hooters
2. Jedi's Garden
3. Olive Garden
4. Burger King
5. Top Notch
6. Pepper Jack's

7. T.G.I. Friday's
8. Red Lobster
9. Applebee's
10. El Amigo



Kathryn Johnson



Matthew Jones



Ryan Jones



Gregory Kavalk



Richard Kinney



Christopher Kirinic



Wendy Kobs



Eric Koch



Heather Kreck



Julie Krueger



Craig Kuchenberg



Joanne Kraus



Valerie LaMott



Bryan Lane



Jennifer Langel



Anthony Langner

"Factory Card
Outlet"
-Amber Gold

"Walgreens"
-Tiffany Tuskan

"Zel's Roast Beef"
-Valerie Novak

"Montgomery Wards"
-Beth Glines

"B-W 3"
-George Campbell

"Webb Chevy"
-Jason Ladwig

"Pet Ranch"
-Rich Garcia

"Deep River
Waterpark"
-Katie Johnson

"Tortilla Grill"
-Ryan St.Antoine

Where I work...

MY BEST HIGH SCHOOL MEMORY

"Being in the Norris Fan Club."

- **Eric Murphy &**

Greg Wojciechowski

"Summer Vacations!"

- **Jaelyn Adamoski**

"Playing 4 Corners with Mr. McCallister during the black-out Junior year!"

- **Vaishali Makwana**

"Doing the Safety Dance in the cafeteria."

- **George Campbell**

"Doing backflips at the boys sectional game my Junior year."

- **Emily Cooke**

"Spending time with friends." - **Val Novak**

"Meeting so many different people throughout high school and sharing good times with all of them in and out of school."

- **Tiffany Tuskan**

"Marching band; it was the best!"

- **Jordan Villarreal**



Kaitlyn Laverne



Matthew Leep



Rebecca Lachman



Hector Leon



Laura Magerski



Vaishali Makwana



Eric Minkel



Courtney Margraf



Michelle McNamee



Tawnya Medrano



Russell Messman



Heather Miller



Rhian Molina



Nichole Moree



Nathan Morelli



Dana Moser

"Going out on the weekends with my boyfriend and friends."

-Laura Olivas

"Joking around with
Bub in Spanish class."

-Paul Butler

"I cut in front of all the
freshmen during lunch."

-John Paulauski

"I made all-state
choir."

-Kristen Kolodziej

Remember when...



Brzakon Lesniawski



Matthew Lutave



Daniel Luce



Sarah Linkertich



Daniel Matusk



Brandon Maynard



Jennifer McFarlane



Lisan McGill



Michael Miller



Paul Miller



Michael Minuk



Amanda Morrissey



Kristin Mouwong



Eric Murphy



Rachel Murphy



Jennifer Muzzey



Lee Nataleborg



Ryan Neary



Jaclyn Negovetich



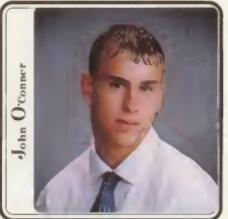
Isaac Nelson



Nicholas Newark



Jeffrey Howell



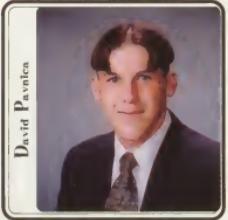
John O'Connor



Coleman O'Toole



John Pauluski



David Pavlicek



Eric Perez



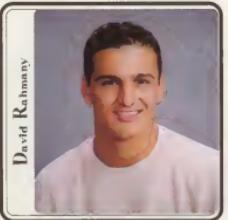
Autumn Peters



Chad Powell



Shawn Powell



David Rahmany



Shayan Ray

Senior Memories

"Hanging out in Julie Kruger's House."

-Staci White

"Having a good time at Tauber's house."

-Matt Jones

"Going to the formal dances."

-Teri Jenkins

"Winning conference in soccer."

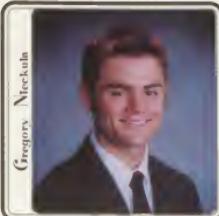
-Chris Anderson

"Swimming on the swim team."

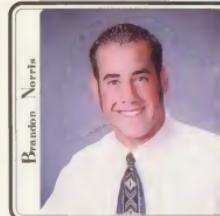
-Megan Zendian



Daniel Newlin



Gregory Neckula



Brandon Norris



Valerie Novak



Neftali Ophion



Megan Orr



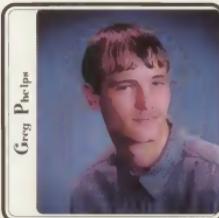
Scott Paganelli



Jennifer Pawlinski



Joanna Petty



Greg Phelps



Melissa Platouras



Nicole Pittman



Miguel Reyes



Anna Richwalski



Ryan Jones



Robert Ritz

"When I got my cap and gown."

-Beth Glines

"Going to football games with Lindsey."

-Sarah Seubelk

"The last semester of my junior year."

-Ryan Jones

"Meeting my best friend Sarah."

-Lindsay Stanfel

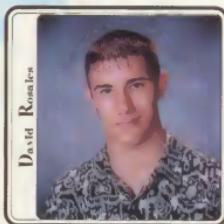
"Senior night swimming."

-Jelena Gober

Senior Memories

Where we are going

1. Purdue University
2. Ball State University
3. Purdue University Calumet
4. Indiana University
5. Indiana University Northwest



Won the Homecoming game against Andrean.
Had an "Unforgettable" time at Turnabout 1999.

Were dragged out of class to move our cars.
Had the honor of sitting on the SENIOR bench.

Dressed up for sectional basketball games.

Adventured to far off lands with our friends for spring break.

Became high school graduates!

Remember when we





Christopher Taylor



Wendy Thompson



Brad Thys



Melissa Timm



Tiffani Tuskan



Ottin Uticini



Mary Ultee



April Wilson



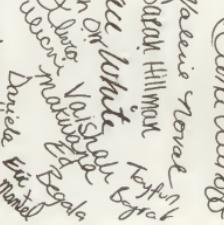
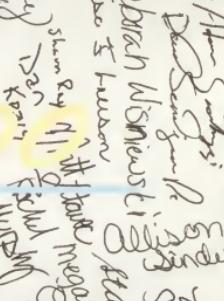
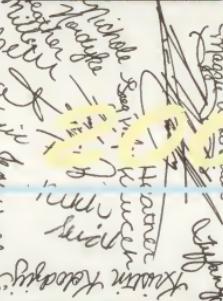
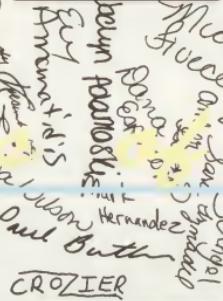
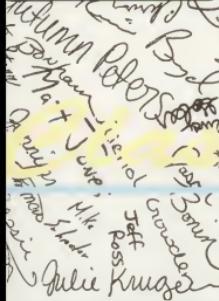
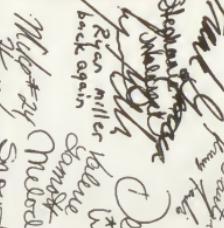
Lîsa Winton



Deborah Wisniewski



Gregory Wajecek howski



SENIORS 175

SENIOR— CLASS OF 2000! — ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jaclyn Adamoski: Blood Drive 4, French Club 1, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4.

Evy Amanatidis: Key Club 4, Student Advisory Board, Orchestra 1-4, Guidance Office Aid 3-4, Peer Tutor 4.

Magdalene Amanatidis: Choir 1-4, Vice President of Choir 4, Highland Theatre 2-4, Vice President of Highland Theatre Co. 4, National Honors Society 2-4, President of NHS 4, Honors Diploma, Guidance Aid 3-4, Student Council Rep. 3-4, Snowflake 3-4, Madrical Choir 3-4, Show Choir 3-4, Jazz Choir 3.

Christopher Anderson: Honors Diploma, Athletic Aid 2-3, Mrs. Berg's Aid 4, Soccer 1-4, Baseball 1, 3-4, Snowflake 1-3.

John Artibey:

Curtis Asher:

Starr Barker: NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Guidance Aid 3-4, Track 2.

Bryan Barnes: Honors Diploma, Japanese Honors Society 1-4.

Katherine Barney: Band 1-3

Matt Bates: Natural Helper 3.

Tayfun Bayrak: NHS, NAIS, National German Honors Society, Soccer 1-4.

Ed Begala: Blood Drive 4, Athletic and Office Aid, Football 1-4, Basketball 1 (B-Team Bombers), Baseball 1-3.

Samantha Bokori: NHS 3-4, Spanish Honors Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Guidance Aid 2-4, Diving 4.

Jason Bonin: Blood Drive 4, Homecoming Dance Committee 4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Basketball 1, 2 (B-Team Bombers), Soccer 3-4, Track 1-4, Treasurer of NHS.

Mike Bouvat: Swimming Aid 3-4, Football 1-4, Swimming 1-4.

Kevin Boyd: Football 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Baseball 1-4.

Nicole Bregert: Blood Drive 3-4, Key Club 2-4, Trend 3-4, Sign Language Club 2, Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Committee 3-4, Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4, Dance Team 2-4, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Council 3-4, Softball 1-2, Cheerleading 1, Tutor 3, President of Class 3, Vice President of Class 2, Student Rep. 4, Service Learning 3.

Colleen Brill: Tennis 1, Ms. Wilson's Aid 2-4.

Daniel Bruce: Building Trades 2, Choir 1, 2, 4, Snowflake 1, Student Aid 4, Football 1, Peer Tutor 1.

Curtis Bush: Football 1-4, Wrestling 1-4, Baseball 1-2.

Paul Butler: Spanish Club 1-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honors Society 2-Blood Drive 3-4, Trend 3, TATU, Turnabout Committee 1, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 4, Student Council 1-2, Soccer 1-4, Tennis 1-4, Tutor 4, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4.

Jennifer Cable: Band 1-4, Key Club 3-4, French Club 3-4, NHS 3-4, French Honors Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Science Olympiad 2-4.

Aurita Colderon: Blood Drive 3-4, Trend 3, TATU, Turnabout Committee 1, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 4, Student Council 1-2, Soccer 1-4, Tennis 1.

George Campbell: Blood Drive 4, Hockey Club 1-4, Honors Diploma.

Julie Canner: Key Club 2-4, Turnabout Committee 4, National Art Honor Society 4, Vice President of NAHS 4, Honors Diploma, Natural

Helper 3, Debate Time Keeper 3, Tennis 1-4, Volleyball 1-2, Painting sets 4.

Kelly Casey: Snowflake 3, Natural Helper 3, Student Aid 2-3, Student Council 2-3, Volleyball 2, Tennis 1, 4, Peer Tutor 4.

Amanda Cederholm: Choir 1, French Club 1-4, French Honor Society 3-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Aid 4, Student Council 2, Tennis 1-2.

Lindsey Chappell: Spanish Club (President), Prom Court Turnabout Committee Food Drive Committee NHS Spanish Honors Society

Honors Diploma, Mr. Huppenthal's Aid, Volleyball 1-4, Basketball 1-4, Track, NHS Tutoring

Erika Cordova: Blood Drive 3-4, Spanish Club 1-4, President of Spanish Club 4, Science Olympiad 3, Homecoming Committee 4, Food Drive Committee 4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Speech & Debate 3, Nurse's Aid 4, Student Council 4, Tutor 4, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4, Student Concerns 4, Upward Bound 1-4, Twenty First Century.

Jose Cortez:

Nichole Crowder: Office Aid



PIE IN YOUR EYE, BRANDON?

Jonathan Cuevas: Band 4, Vocational Industrial Clubs of America 3-4, Natural Helper 3, Football 1, Track 2.

Alexandra Deming: French Club 1-3, Athletic Office 1, Peer Tutor 1, Snowflake 1.

Andrew Denst: Newspaper (LINK) 4.

Matthew Dills: Soccer 1-2.

Ron Dixon: Natural Helper 3-4, Mr. Pearson's Aid 4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1-4.

Jason Duran: Student Advisory Board 2-4.

Nina Durazovici:

Eric Escobedo: Wrestling 1,2,4.

Dana Espinoza: Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 1, Natural Helper 3, Student Aid 2-4, Cheerleading 2-4, Tutors 1.

Leanne Fandrei: Color Guard 1-2, Concert Band 1-2, Show Choir 3-4, Choir 4, German Club 4, ITC Rep. 4, Theatre 2-4.

Michelle Fivecoat:

Ken Forsythe: Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Committee 2-4, Blood Drive 2-4, Spaghetti Dinner Committee 2-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honors Society 2-4, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Council 2-4, Football 1, Baseball 1-4, Class President 2, Class Vice President 3, Class Representative 4.

Lynnette Franko:

Adam Franz: Soccer 1-4.

Simon Frey: Natural Helper 3.

Zelko Galic: Soccer 1-4.

Frank Garcia: Blood Drive 2, Student Aid 4, Track 1-2,4, Cross Country 2-4, Football 1.

Richard Garcia: Blood Drive 3-4, Student Council 3-4, Key Club 1-2, Snowflake 1-4, Blood Drive Committee 3-4, Spaghetti Dinner Committee 1-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Council 3-4, Student Concerns 3, Operation Resist 1-4, Secretary of Student Council 1,4, YAR 2.



KEN, JULIE, & MATT

Nicole Geffert: Peer Tutor 1.

Michael Georgoff: Japanese Club, Prom Committee, Japanese Honor Society, Natural Helper 3-4, Speech & Debate Basketball 1.

Amber Gold: Blood Drive 4, Natural Helper 3.

Brandon Gold: Football 1.

Lisa Greson: Blood Drive, Key Club.

Robert Greson: Japanese Club, Homecoming King.

Adriana Guardiola: Sign Language Club 2.

Kristin Ham: Blood Drive 4, Natural Helper 3, Attendance Aide 3.

Kenneth W. Hart: Band, Football 1.

Martin Havens: Homecoming Court, Turnabout Court, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4.

Justin Hedrick: Soccer 1-4.

Kimberly Hedrick: National Art Honor Society 2-4, Guidance Aide 3, Basketball 1, Peer Tutor 3-4.

Jennifer Heintzman: NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Volleyball 1-4, Swimming 3-4, Basketball 1.

Dana Hermant: NHS, Spanish Honor Society, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper, Cross Country 2-4,

Swimming 2-4, Track 1-4, NHS Tutor.

Heather Herrim: Dance Team 1, Guidance Aide 1-2, Tennis 1-4, Volleyball 1, Turnabout Committee.

Sarah Hillman: Blood Drive 4, Turnabout Committee 4, Cheerleading 1-4.

Daniel Hradil: Hockey

Mike Hussey: Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4, Football 2-4, Wrestling 1, Track 2.

Jason Jabezynski:

Teri Jenkins: Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4, Prom Committee 3, Dance Team 4, Natural Helper 3, Student Council 3, Volleyball 1-2, Basketball 1-2, Track 1-2.

Jonathan Johnson: Baseball 1-2.

Josh Johnson: Student Advisory Board 1-4, Snowflake Staff, Football 1-4.

Matthew Jones: Prom Court 3, Homecoming Court 4, Natural Helper 3, Wrestling 1-4, Baseball 1-4.

Ryan Jones:

Gregory Kanink:

Laurie Kilmer: Blood Drive 4, Choir 1-2, Japanese Honor Society 3-4, Speech & Debate 3, Tennis 1, Tutor 3.

Richard Kinney: Band 1, Japanese Club 1, Football 1-4, Hockey 1-4.

Orion Kirby: Blood Drive 4, Hockey 1-4.

Christopher Kirincic: Natural Helper 3, Football 1,3-4, Wrestling 1-4, Golf 1, Track 1.

Wendy Koby:

Eric Koehl:

Jelena Kobak:

Kristin Kolodziej: Blood Drive 4, Choir 1-4, French Club 1-4, Homecoming Committee 4, French Honors Society 2-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Council 1-4, Tennis 1-2, Theater 3-4, Color Guard 2-3, Winter Guard 2, Madrigal 3-4, Show Choir 3-4, All-State Choir 4.

Jeff Koss: Choir 1-4.

Dan Kraty: Band 1-4, Natural Helper 3.

Pandy Krambongsamos: Orchestra 1-4.

Heather Krueck: Key Club 1, Student Council 2.

Julie Kruger: Blood Drive 1-3, NAHS 1-3, Spanish HS 1-3, NHS 1-2, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3-4, Student Council 1-3, Treasurer 1, Tennis 1-4, Soccer 1-2.

Craig Kuechenberg: Japanese Club 2-4, NHS 3-4, Japanese Honors Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Tennis 1-4, Basketball 1 (B-Team)



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Bombers), Tutor 4.

Joanne Kwasny: Blood Drive 4, Office Aide 3, Mr. Urban's Aide 4, Tutor 1, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4, Hoosier Girls State 3.

Kristen Lalinda: Band 1, Choir 1-4, Key Club 1, Japanese Club 4., Prom Committee 3, NHS 4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Tennis 1-4, Operation RESIST 3-4, Madrigal Choir 3-4, Snowflake 2-4, Science Olympiad 1-2.

Jason Ludwig: Track 2.

Theodore Laicht: Academic Decathlon 4, Auditorium 1-4, Band 1-4, German Club 4, NHS 3-4, NAHS 1-4, Speech & Debate 3, Theatre 1-4, Symphonic Orchestra.

Amy Lambert: Attendance Aide 2-4.

Valerie Lamott: Blood Drive 1-4, Japanese Club 1-4, Prom Committee 3, Japanese Honor Society 2-4, NAHS 3-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Council 1-4, Basketball 1, Science Olympiad 2-4, Key Club 1-4.

Bryan Lane: Newspaper (LINK) 2-3, Wrestling 1-3, Cross Country 2.

Jennifer Langel: Orchestra 1-4, Color Guard 3.

Anthony Langer: Snowflake 1, Japanese Club secretary 1-4, Hockey 2-4.

Kerstin Lavrie: **Becky Lencham:** Blood Drive 4, Homecoming Court 4, Homecoming Committee, German Honors Society 2-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Guidance Aide 2-4, Student Council 4,, Baasketball 1, Volleyball 1-4, Track 2-4.

Hector Leos:

Brandon Lesniwskit: Academic All-State 4, Academic All-Conference 4, Natural Helper 3, Newspaper (LINK) 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-2 Wrestling 2-3.

Dan Luce: Football 1-4, Baseball 1, Basketball 1 (B-Team Bombers).

Eric Mantel: NHS 3-4, French Honors Society 2-4, Honors Diploma 1-4, Natural Helper 3, Football 1-2, Track 2, Tutor 4.

Laura Magerski: Band 1-4.

Vaishali Makwana: Science Olympiad 3, Prom Committee 3, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, Secretary 4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Mrs. Berg's Aide 4, Tutor 4.

Courtney Margraff: Dance Team 3, Natural Helpers 3,

Attendance Aide 2, Track 1-3, Cross Country 3, Cheerleading 1-2, Star Search.

Dan Matusik: Prom Committee 3, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Main Office Aide 4, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1.

Brandon Maynard: Drafting 2, Football 1-3.

Jennifer McFarlane: Band 1-4, Drum Major 3-4, Blood Drive 3-4, French Club 1-4, Vice President 3, Homecoming Committee 1-4, Turnabout Committee 4, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Queen 4, NHS 3-4, French HIS 2-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Class Secretary 2-4, Student Council 1-4, Secretary 4, Soccer 1-2, Tennis 1-4.

Lisa McGill:

Michelle McVurian: Band 1-2, Choir 1-4, Key Club 1.

Tabitha Medrano:

Russell Messmann: Wrestling 1-2, 4, Frisbee Golf Champ 3-4.

Mike Miller: Football 1-4, German Club.

Paul Miller: Library Aide.

Ryan Miller:

Michael Manin:

Amanda Moffitt:

Rina Molina: Basketball 1-

4, Soccer 1-4.

Nathan Morelli:

Dana Moser: Academic Decathlon 4, Blood Drive 1, 4, Choir 1, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Government 1, Student Council 1, 4, Cheerleading 1-4, Tennis 1-2, Tutor 3-4, Snowflake 1-4.

Kristin Monesong: Honors Diploma.

Eric Murphy: Honors Diploma, Football 1-4, Baseball 1-4, Basketball 1, (B-Team Bombers).

Rachel Murphy: Blood Drive 4, Homecoming Court (Queen) 4, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, Vice Pres. of Both 4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Orchestra 1-2, Speech & Debate 3-4, Soccer 1-4, Snowflake 4.

Lee Natelborg: Japanese Club 1-3, Football 1- Debate 3-4, Soccer 1-4, Snowflake 4.

Jackie Negovetiche: Blood Drive 1-4, Choir 1-4, Trend 3-4, Science Olympiad 1-4, Snowflake 1-4, NHS 3-4, Spanish Honors Society 2-4, Natural Helper 3, Honors Diploma, Student Council 1-4, Theatre 1-4, Tutors 1-4, Key Club 1, Madrigal 3-4, Jazz Choir 3-4, Tatoo 3-4.

Isaac Nelson: Choir 1-2, 4.

Dan Newlin:

Greg Nieckula: Japanese Club 1-2, Prom Court 3, Turnabout Court 4, Natural Helper 3, Cross Country 1, Basketball (B-Team Bombers) 1, Baseball 1, Theatre 3-4, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4, Swat Team 3-4.

Nicole Nordyke: Band 1-2, Peer Tutor 1-2.

Brandon Norris: Prom Court (King) 4, Baseball 1-4, Football 1-4, Basketball 1-2, 4.

Valerie Novak: Blood Drive 4.

Nick Nowak: Baseball. **Jeffrey Nowell:** Hockey 2-3, Wrestling 2.

John O'Conner: Soccer 1-4, Wrestling 1.

Coleman O'Toole: Spanish Club 2, German Club 4, Natural Helper 3, Newspaper (LINK) 3-4, Speech & Debate 2, Track 2, Theatre 3-4, Basketball, Mascot 2.
Laura Olivas: Spanish Club 3-4.

Nerissa Orban:

Megan Orr: NIHS 3-4, Spanish Honor Society 2-4, NAIS 2-4, Honors Diploma, Athletic Aide 4, Soccer 1-4.
Jenny Paswinski: Prom Committee 3, Spanish honor Society 2-4, NIHS 3-4, NAIS 2-4, Honors Diploma, Soccer 1, Tennis 1-4, Theatre 3-4.

John Pandzakian: Natural Helper 3, Football 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4.

Autumn Peters: Cross Country 1-4.

Paul Peterson:

Joanna Petty: Volleyball 1-4, Basketball 1.

Greg Phelps: Basketball 1.

Paul Pilewski: Blood Drive 3-4, NAHS 1-4.

Melissa Pistorius: Band 1-3.

Jason Podobinski: Blood Drive 4, Prom Committee, Track 1.

Chad Powell:

Shawn Powell: Blood Drive 3-4, Construction 1, Baseball 1-4, Football 1.

Dave Rahmany: Japanese Club Vice President.

Shawn Ray: Band 1, Football 1.

Tony Reyes: NAHS, Soccer, Cross Country, Track, VICA (ACC).

Anita Reyna:

Amanda Richwalski:

Kevin Roche: Key Club 3, Spanish IHS 2-4, NHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Student Council 3, Baseball 1, Diving 1-4.

David Rosales: Spanish Club 1, Wrestling 1-3.

Jeff Rossi: Blood Drive 4, Honors Diploma.

Julie Rozanski: Blood Drive 4, Prom Committee 3, NIHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Volleyball 1-4, Track 1-2,

Swimming 3-4.

Derek Runyan: Japanese Club 1-4, Japanese Honors Society.

Santos Salinas: Auditorium 1-4, Band 2, Blood Drive 2-4, Student Concerns 2, Natural Helper 3, Orchestra 1-4, Speech & Debate 2-4, Student Government 4, Student Council 2-4, Theatre 1-4, TREND 1-4, Snowflake.

Audy Satawka: Band 1-4, Blood Drive 1-4, Choir 3-4, German Club 2-4, NAIS 3-4, Student Council 1-4, Theatre 1, 3-4, TATU 2-4, Madrigal Choir 4, Show Choir 3, Snowflake 4.

April Saulsgiver:

Adam Seartozzi:

Cassie Seartozzi: Student Advisory Board 2-4, Peer Tutor 4.

Michael Schroeter: Track.

Jason Schwab: Blood Drive 4, Choir, Theatre.

Sarah Senbelek: Spanish Honors Society 2, Track 1, Swimming 1-2.

Nicole Seidl: Turnabout Committee, Swimming 1-4, Softball 1-4.

Thomas Seliger:

David Sendejas:

Jennifer Shelton: Blood Drive 3, Prom Committee 3, Homecoming Float 2-4, NIHS Tutoring Chair 4, NIHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Basketball 1, Volleyball 1-2, Softball 1-4, Yearbook (SHIELD) 2-4, Ad Editor (SHIELD) 3, Editor (SHIELD) 4, Snowflake 3-4, Snowflurry 2-3.

John-Paul Simkus: Literary Magazine 3.

Allison Sinder: Blood Drive 3-4, Natural Helper 3, Soccer 1, Tennis 1.

Allen Smith: Japanese Club, Soccer.

Austin Smith:

Brett Smith: Football 1-4.

Kristin Smith:

Mark Smith:

Jennifer Snyder: Natural Helper 3, Orchestra, Volleyball 1, Cheerleading 2.

Ryan St. Antoine: Hockey.

Lindsay Stanfel: Volleyball

1, Basketball 1.

Amanda Strader: Choir 1-4.

Sebastian Strobel: Soccer 4.

Erie Talkington: Key Club 1-4, Natural Helper 3.

Jared Tanber: Japanese Club 1-2, NHS 4, Japanese Honor Society 3, Soccer 1-4, Basketball 1-4.

Chris Taylor: Japanese Club 1.

Wendy Thompson: Turnabout Committee, NIHS 3-4, Spanish Honor Society, Volleyball 1-4, Track 2, Basketball 1-3, Tutors 4.

Brad Thys:

Melissa Timm: Blood Drive 3-4, Snowflake 1-4, Soccer 1, Track 1-2.

Eric Tomich: Football 1-4.

Mike Tothfalus: German Club 4, Honors Diploma, Student Council 1-4, Swimming 1-4.

Sara Trzuadel: Choir 1-4, German Honor Society 1-4, Natural Helper 3, Speech & Debate 3, Theatre 2-4.

Tiffany Tuskan: Prom Court 3, Homecoming Committee 2-4, Prom Committee 3, Turnabout Committee 3, NAHS 2-4, Honors Diploma, Natural Helper 3, Soccer 1-4, Basketball 1-3, Track 1-3, Tutor 4, Snowflake 1, TATU 3.

Olivia Uleni:

Mary Uline: Swimming 1-2.

Mary Ultman: Academic Decathlon 4, Blood Drive 4, Key Club 4, Spanish Honors Society 4, NIHS 3-4, NAHS 2-4, Honors Diploma, Student Council 1, Volleyball 1-3, Basketball 1-3, Tutor 4, Science Olympiad 4.

Lindsey Urbanek: Choir, NHS, Spanish Honor Society, Honors Diploma, Tennis.

Michael VanLinden:

Jordan Villarreal: Band 1-4, Blood Drive 3-4, Natural Helper 3, Band Section Leader 3-4.

Stephanie Walaszek: Japanese Club 1-2, Prom Court 3, Dance Team 2-4 (Captain 3-4), Natural Helper 3, Cheerleading 1, Diving 1, Softball 1-2, Tutor 2, Yearbook (SHIELD) 4, TATU 3-4, ISP Camp 4.

Adam Waldron: Football 2-4, Basketball 1-2-4, Track 1.

Ben Waldron: Japanese Club, Football 2-4, Basketball 1-2, Track 1, Swat Team.

Eric Warnecke:

Tiffany Weinrich: Auditorium 1, Band 1, Choir 2-4, NIHS, Theatre 1-4, Tutor.

Julie Westberg: Choir 1, German Club 3-4, French Club 4, Trend 3, Student Council 2, Guard 1-4.

Staci White: Dance Team 2, Student Advisory Board 2-4, Soccer 2-4.

Lisa Wilson: Blood Drive 3-4, Prom Committee 3, Attendance 1, Athletic Aid 2, Cheerleader 1-4.

Deborah Wisniewski: Key Club 4, Track 1-4.

Greg Wojciechowski: Football 1-4, Hockey 1-4.

Sarah Wood: Choir, Key Club 1.

Ewa Zakrajzki: Science Olympiad 3-4, Turnabout Committee 3, NIHS 3-4, Honors Diploma, Miss Shadown's Aid 2-4, Volleyball 1-4, Basketball 1-2, Tutor 4.

Megan Zendian: German Club 1-4, TREND 3-4, NIHS 3-4, German Honors Society 2-4, Honors Diploma, Orchestra 3, Student Advisory Board 1-4, Student Council 1-4, Swimming 1-4,

Susan Zurawski: Blood Drive 4.

Best Wishes
Seniors
2000



CHEER UP!

ALEX DEMING comforts Liz Hall and gently reassures her that yes, she can come back to the school any time she wants.



The Diploma
Goes To...
Anita Calderon.





Round of Applause

Brandon Lesniowski gives a big round of applause but his mind is elsewhere as he thinks about his college plans and the many post-commencement parties he plans on attending.

Say Goodbye To Yesterday

is what the 200-plus members of the Senior Class of 2000 did. June 4, at 1:30 was a cloudy and gloomy day, but rainy weather could not dampen nor bring down the spirits of the millennium graduates as teachers attempted to line them up in the auxiliary gym in prior to commencement. Students could be seen talking to friends, adjusting their caps and gowns, and just plain goofing around. Eventually everyone was assembled and the procession to the auditorium began.

The commencement of the Class of 2000 was a landmark at Highland High School. It was the first Class of the millennium to graduate in the auditorium. In order to make this day extra special for graduates and their family, new technology was employed. As the seniors filed into the gym their image was projected onto a screen suspended above the audience. Another new feature was the use of each students senior yearbook picture; as the name was announced, the picture appeared on a screen on the auditorium stage.

This year's valedictorian was Mary Ullman and the salutatorian was Jennifer Cable. The rest of the members of the academic top ten included: Kevin Roche, Darryl Carstensen, Wendy Thompson, Eric Mantel, Kerry Hall, Craig Kuchenberg, Jaclyn Negovetich, and Nicole Pitlik.

By *Jennifer
Shelton*

Line Up

The Senior Class sponsor, Mr. Steve Edwards, helps Jeremy Fenolio find his spot on line in the pre-commencement practice.



Top of Their Class

The valedictorian Mary Ullman (left) and salutatorian Jennifer Cable worked hard to achieve the recognition they received.

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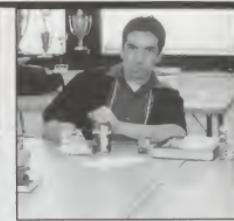
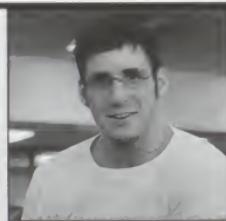
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I went into the past year with mixed emotions of anticipation and dread. The anticipation part being the fact that I would be able to make the major decisions concerning what would happen with this book, and anticipation in making my ideas come alive. The dread came from many areas; I had a staff with little experience putting a book together to deal with and a co-editor to argue with (he he). I also was worried that my ideas would not work out the way I wanted them to.

The year started off kind of crazy as I expected and I was nervous beyond belief because this year I would be the one to get up and tell everyone what they had to be doing. I was not used to taking charge, but take charge I did, and I liked it!

The year rolled on and Kristin and I started to put our ideas into action. Times were rarely ever dull with the variety of personalities that were on staff. Becky and April, our photogs, were either in the darkroom or in the editors office, most often with Peach, listening to their crazy music. Our addies, Amy and Heather, were constantly designing ad pages, but Amy always managed to find time to take a field trip to the bathroom with yours truly, and Heather and her man were inseperable even though he wasn't even in the class!

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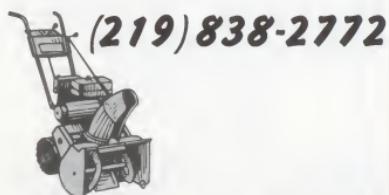
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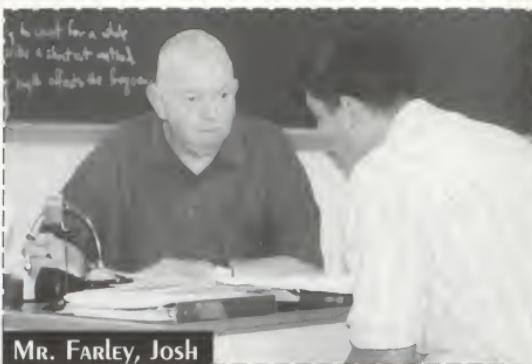
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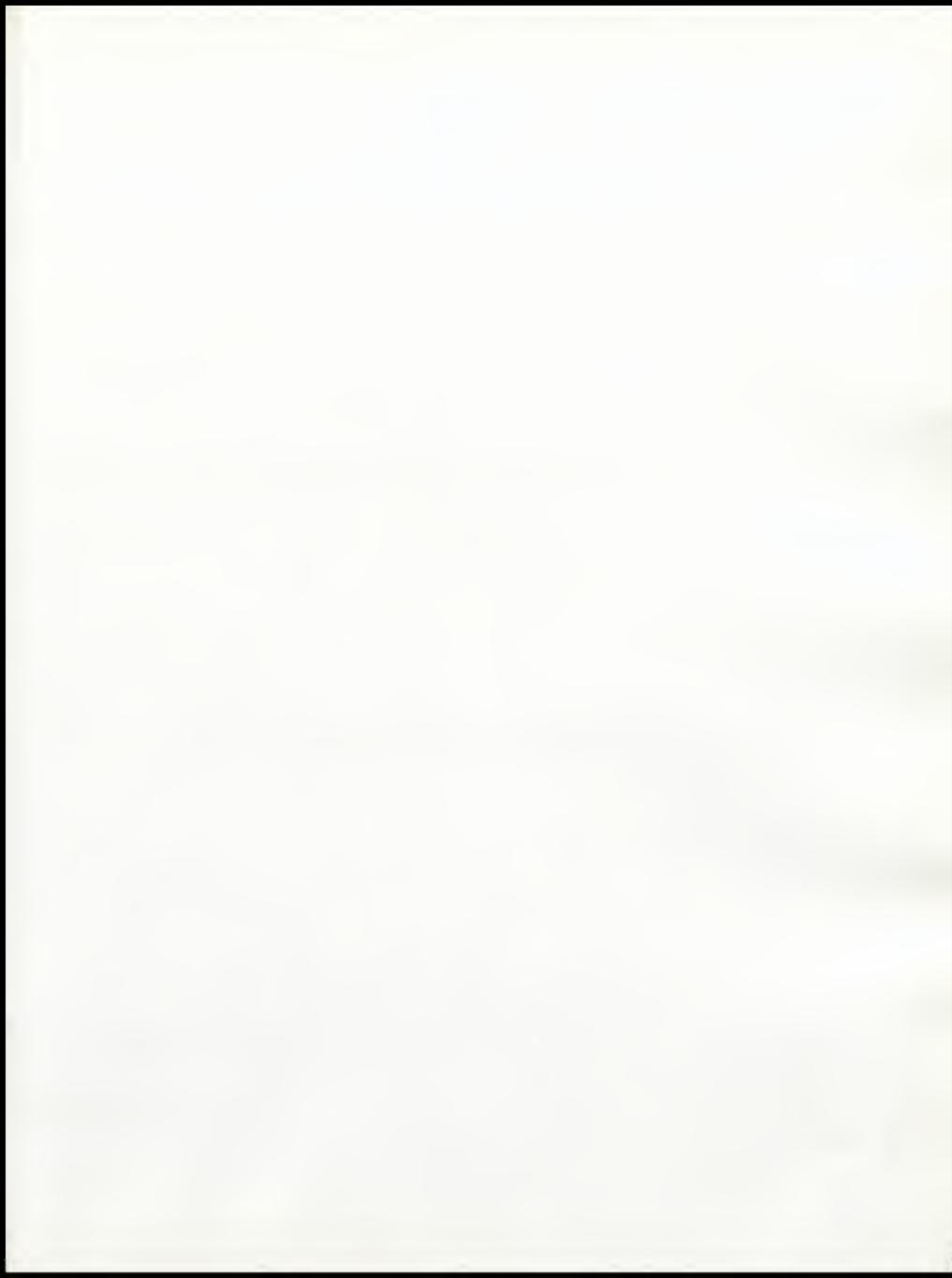












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